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From the Commander

Attack On America....

September 11, 2001, was a day that no American will ever forget.

Terrorists cowardly delivered a series of brutal attacks against our country. One terrible blow after another hit in New York City and then at the Pentagon. So heinous is this tragedy that at the time this was written, a few days later, the numbness had still not worn off.

On behalf of the Army Reserve family, our hearts go out to all affected by this tremendous act of evil. We mourn all those lost in the initial attacks, as well as the gallant fire fighters, police officers and other rescue workers killed while unselfishly trying to save others at the World Trade Center.

We know that among those who rushed in to help were members of the 77th Regional Support Command (RSC), who are New York City fire fighters in their civilian jobs. We express our deepest sympathy to all the family members and loved ones of those killed or injured.

For those in the military community, especially those of us in the National Capital Region, we also grieve for our fellow comrades in the Pentagon, those killed and those taken to area hospitals in the Washington, DC, area. These are friends and colleagues, fellow members of the Armed Forces and Defense Department workers, good people who were going about their daily duties in defense of all Americans.

The men and women of the Pentagon, military and civilian, acted just as one would expect: those who were in position to help did so and the others followed orders calmly and without panic to leave the building for their own safety. Like their comrades in New York City, there were many Army Reserve heroes at the Pentagon, men and women who helped injured people get out or who rendered emergency treatment on the grass near the building. All Americans should be as proud of them as I am.

The Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, just like the Headquarters, Department of the Army, and the Department of Defense, was returned to full functioning soon after the attack. Headquarters, U.S. Army Reserve Command, took on some OCAR responsibilities briefly during the attack and evacuation to ensure there was no disruption of Army Reserve command and control. The 77th RSC drew on its extensive emergency operations training to put together an aggressive, timely response.

The Army Reserve will render all support asked of us by the National Command Authority. We have a variety of capabilities and experienced personnel which are being made available as part of the federal response, helping our fellow citizens in the best traditions of the citizen-soldier. We shall also do our part in any other response required of the military in the aftermath of this day of horror.

America was stunned on September 11. We still hurt today, but let there be no doubt in anyone's mind, we will carry on and we will get through this. The men and women of the Army Reserve will do all that the Nation expects of us in this national crisis. As citizens and soldiers we could do nothing less.

God bless you all. God bless our country.

Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes
Chief, Army Reserve

From the Command Sergeant Major

Saluting outstanding Army Reserve soldiers

Command Sgt. Maj. Alex R. Lackey

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all of the fine individuals who participated in the Outstanding Soldier and NCO of the Year competition held in Washington, D.C. in August. Soldiers and NCOs representing the Army Reserve Personnel Command (AR-PERSCOM), Office of the Chief, Army Reserve (OCAR) and National Capital Region (NCR), U.S. Army Reserve Command (USARC), U.S. Army Special Operations Command (USASOC), 7th Army Reserve Command (ARCOM) and 9th Regional Support Command (RSC) took part in the event.

Through hard work and dedication, each command's top NCO or soldier earned a trip to the nation's capital to compete for top honors. During the visit each soldier was escorted on tours of the White House, Arlington Cemetery, and the Pentagon, and ate lunch in the Executive Dining Room. These fine soldiers also paid a visit to the Office of the Chief Army Reserve and conducted a photo session in my office. A reception was also held in their honor with Sergeant Major of the Army Jack L. Tilley as guest speaker.

Following the Soldier and NCO of the Year Boards an awards ceremony and dinner was held, during which the Outstanding Soldier and NCO of the Year were announced. This year's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year winner was Staff Sgt. Jody Wilson, from the Hawaii-based 9th Regional Support Command. Spc. Jean Stackpole took the Soldier of the Year honors. She is the 88th RSC's; and 5th Army Soldier of the Year and represents the USARC in Atlanta, Ga.

Both soldiers received a Meritorious Service Medals.

I would like to thank the sponsors of this event: Army Reserve Association (ARA), the Army and Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES), Armed Forces Insurance (AFI), Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Government Employees Insurance Company (GEICO), Noncommissioned Officers Association (NCOA), and United States Automobile Association USAA. ARA, AUSA, GEICO and USAA offset additional cost to our soldiers and NCOs by co-sponsoring either the reception or

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Staff Sgt. Jody Wilson

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Spc. Jean Stackpole

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Recruiter of the Year
Sgt. 1st Class Michael O'Brien

Drill Sergeant of the Year
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Sgt. 1st Class Cherie Luebcke

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Army Reserve responds to

U.S. Navy photo by Journalist 1st Class Mark Faram

(Clockwise) Military personnel move down highway I-395 after evacuating the Pentagon. The evacuation took place after a hijacked commercial airliner crashed into the southwest corner of the building during the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attack. The pentagon attack followed one on the twin towers of the New York World Trade Center in what is being called the worst terrorist attack in history. Lt. Col. Isabelle Slifer assists an unidentified Pentagon employee after the attack. Fire fighters struggle to contain spreading fire. A Pentagon employee scans the wreckage from a distance following the Tuesday morning attack.

By Lt. Col. Randy Pullen

Army Reservists have been on the front lines of "the first war of the 21st century" since the morning of September 11, 2001.

terrorist attacks

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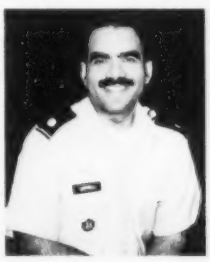
Although most of the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve (OCAR), is located a few blocks from the Pentagon, the office of the Chief, Deputy Chief and Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve is in the Pentagon. A number of OCAR staff members were in the Pentagon Tuesday morning for meetings and other business. There was also a meeting of the Army Reserve Forces Policy Council going on in the building, which brought together a number of Army Reserve general and senior officers from various commands. Finally, there were also Active Guard Reserve (AGR) soldiers assigned to other agencies in the Pentagon, as well as Army Reservists who hold civilian jobs in the Pentagon.

U.S. Army Photo by Sgt. Carmen L. Burgess

When American Airlines Flight 77 hit the west side of the Pentagon and a number of Army offices, AGR Lieutenant Colonels Victor Correa and Isabelle Slifer, both assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Headquarters, Department of the Army, helped others escape the building. News accounts report that many survivors remember being guided by Correa's booming voice, guiding them to safety through the blinding smoke.



AGR Lt. Col. Sean Kelly and a co-worker, Capt. Darrell Oliver, lifted a desk off of a secretary. Oliver then put the woman on his back and carried her out of the Pentagon.

An AGR officer assigned to ODCSPER, Lt. Col. David Scales, was among the 125 Pentagon workers killed.

As the Pentagon evacuated following the attack, many Army Reservists moved to where they could help.

Col. Malcolm B. Westcott, Deputy Chief of the Army Reserve (DCAR), and Brig. Gen. John W. Weiss, Commanding General of the 330th Medical Brigade, Fort Sheridan, Ill., the latter at the Pentagon for the ARFPC meeting, moved to where an open-air emergency triage area had been set up on the grass near the Pentagon and started helping the injured. They knew they could help.

Westcott is a former medic who has earned the Expert Field Medical Badge and Weiss is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Wisconsin, as well as a Transfusion Medicine Physician. For a while, they ceased being two senior Army Reserve officers and did what came instinctively.

"I'm a medic first, I'm the DCAR second," Westcott later said.

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Also helping to treat the injured was Col. Ed Wakayama, an Army Reserve Medical Service Corps officer on a one-year tour of duty with the Director for Operational Test and Evaluation, Office of the Secretary of Defense. After exiting the building, he helped perform triage and administered IVs to those who were in shock and who had lost body fluids. He then turned to help the Red Cross in setting up blood draw operations.

More Army Reservists headed to the Pentagon from nearby Crystal City. Capt. Calvin Wineland from OCAR Operations, rushed from a computer class at the Presidential Plaza to check on his children at the Pentagon childcare center. He found them and his wife, Maj. Desiree Wineland, another AGR officer assigned to OCAR in the Public Affairs and Liaison Directorate. All were safe in the area where the children had been relocated after the plane hit. She had sprinted to the childcare center from OCAR's offices in Crystal City.

Before he could take his family home in their Sport Utility Vehicle, Wineland was stopped and asked to take a badly burned soldier to the hospital. Along with an Army major, an Air force technical sergeant and several Department of the Army civilians, Wineland unloaded the SUV and they put the soldier in the back. When their police escort hesitated to leave the area with all that was taking place at the Pentagon, a Navy sailor on a motorcycle came along and said that he would act as an escort to the hospital.

Led by the sailor motorcyclist, they made a mad dash for the hospital, running over sidewalks, medians, and going against traffic to get the wounded soldier there. When they arrived at the hospital, the motorcyclist admitted that he had never been to Georgetown's Medstar Hospital but somehow he led them directly there.

Other Army Reservists also did what they could to help. Command Sgt. Maj. of the Army Reserve Alex Ray Lackey and his Executive Assistant, Sgt. First Class Paul Mantha, formed a litter team, which included an Army lieutenant general and a colonel.

Photo by Master Sgt. Jacqueline Gopio

The fire from the burning airplane and reports of other airplanes approaching the Pentagon kept the litter teams back. They found other ways to support an army of firefighters and other rescue personnel that now descended on the Pentagon.

Retired Army Reserve Col. William Croom, Assistant Deputy, and AGR Lt. Col. Douglas Thomson, the Executive Officer and Assistant for Army Reserve Logistics, were both in their Pentagon offices when the attack occurred.

The force of the impact was so great that it flung people against the wall or out of their chairs. Croom and Thomson went into action immediately. Their concern was to get people evacuated and to secure the area.

For seven hours after exiting the building, Croom and Thomson assisted medical personnel as litter bearers moving injured people to a safe place, setting up triage sites, and also acting as comforters to soothe distraught victims.

Maj. Michael Coughlin of the OCAR Legal Counsel's Office, became the senior Army representative at the on-site FBI Command Post, helping to coordinate information. He later helped set up the temporary morgue.

His final act of the day, after midnight, was to coordinate with the Arlington County (Va.) Fire Department to have the first American flag, contributed by the U.S. Marines at Quantico, flown at the impact site.

While all this was taking place at the Pentagon, there was an even greater tragedy unfolding in New York City. Army Reservists were at "Ground Zero," too. Included in the thousands of people in the World Trade Center and the hundreds of firefighters and rescue workers lost while trying to rescue them were a number of Army Reserve soldiers.

"Among the hundreds of firefighters who lost their lives when the twin towers collapsed are at least five of our own — Army Reserve soldiers carrying out their civilian jobs to help their fellow citizens, " said Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief, Army Reserve, one week after the attacks. "We are still learning of others who are missing."

Many of the first to respond came from the South Manhattan District fire battalion. The fire battalion commander is Bill Blaich, an Army Reserve colonel who is an Individual Mobilization Augmentee with the Military Traffic Management Command.

Days later, he was able to get to a computer and send out an email, explaining to his superiors at MTMC that he was

Photos by Sgt. 1st Class Christina Steiner

(l-r) A view of "ground zero" near the former World Trade Center five days after the terrorist attack. Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief, Army Reserve and 77th Regional Support Command commander Brig. Gen. Richard Colt confer.

unable to be activated for Reserve duty. He had been on the Staten Island Ferry moving to the World Trade Center when Tower 1 collapsed.

"This week has been a horror," he wrote. "Lower Manhattan collapsed. I can't answer your request for 72-hour activation at this time. As soon as the situation stabilizes I will gladly toss my name into the ring.

"Regards to all and thanks for keeping me in your thoughts. A little prayer for the missing wouldn't hurt either. We're looking for over 350 firefighters alone."

His firefighter son was on the 25th floor of Tower 1 when it collapsed. Blaich called his wife when he found out he had been found alive and gave her the one-word answer that meant their son was okay: "Yes!"

Blaich is a Vietnam veteran. An Army Reservist since 1972, he was called up for duty during the Gulf War and later for Haiti. Now he is a veteran of a new war.

Other Army Reservists saw the tragedy as it came towards them. Army Reservist Thomas Sullivan was on the 95th floor of the World Trade Center when he looked out the window and saw the first airliner headed right toward him. It hit higher up and he was able to escape the building.

Roshan Singh had just finished Army Reserve training earlier this year. He felt he had an obligation to his country while also pursuing his career goals to become an engineer. He and his sister, Khamla, both worked at the Windows on the World restaurant atop the north tower. Both have been missing since September 11.

Retired Army Reserve Col. Rick Rescorla was security chief for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter at the World Trade Center. He was a combat veteran of Vietnam and a hero during the 1993 World Trade Center bombing. Survivors report that he was a hero this time, too, helping people to evacuate the building. Among the missing, it seems this time his luck ran out.

Three days after the attacks, on September 14, President George W. Bush ordered a partial mobilization of up to 50,000 reservists (10,000 from the Army Reserve Components).

"This indicates just how serious these attacks were for America," said the Chief of the Army Reserve. "During the Gulf War, we had a Presidential Selected Reserve Call-up less than three weeks after Iraq invaded Kuwait, but a partial mobilization did not occur until five and a half months later."

As in 1990, however, the Army Reserve was already engaged before the partial mobilization order was ordered. Ten days after the attacks, the Army Reserve had seven units, one installation, six facilities and around 2300 personnel involved in support of operations.

Among the first to respond was the 77th Regional Support Command (RSC), which is headquartered in Flushing, N.Y. Key to the 77th's quick reaction were a trained and functioning Emergency Operations Center and responsive units. Hundreds of support items were appropriated and delivered in short order to assist in the disaster recovery effort. A laundry and bath unit quickly set up to support the mortuary operation.

Eighty-five soldiers of the 311th Quartermaster Company (Mortuary Affairs), 65th RSC, from Puerto Rico, left home on Friday, September 14. The next day, they were getting settled at Fort Myer, Va. By Monday, 17 September, they were at work on the grim task of recovering remains from the Pentagon attack and preparing them for shipment to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware for identification.

For some of the 311th's soldiers, that Friday was their first drill with the unit since graduating from Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Va., a few weeks earlier. Keeping a close eye on them as they perform this difficult

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Photo by Pedro Silva

(left) Sgt Jean Paul Villanueva hugging his son Jean Carlo as he gets ready to depart for the airport. (below) The Honorable Anibal Acevedo-vila (below), Congressional representative and Resident Commissioner for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Hon. Anibal Acevedo-Vila (left), jokes with 1st Lt. Hector Martinez, Commander of the 311th Quartermaster Company as Brig. Gen Collis Phillips, Commander of the 65th Regional Support Command shakes hands with one of the unit's youngest members, Spc. Juan Mendez.

Photo by Master Sgt. Vicki Washington

mission will be a strong core of experienced leaders. Several of their NCOs were with the company when it deployed to the Persian Gulf and know first-hand the sort of work they are required to perform in the area next to the Pentagon.

Plewes envisioned calling up a limited number of units for as short a period as possible as Army Reserve call-ups began under the partial mobilization on Sept. 22. Some continued or replenished recovery operations, because many of the Army Reserve soldiers supporting Army missions and assisting with disaster recovery are on a long-term mission. Other units are augmenting force protection activities at installations and other sites. Still others may be called to prepare for and support new operations.

Additionally, a large number of volunteers and inactive Army Reserve soldiers have stepped forward and offered to serve.

Since the first minutes of the attacks, Army Reserve citizen-soldiers have performed in the highest traditions of courage and self-sacrifice. The men and women of the Army Reserve are ready to do what the National Command Authority demands and what the Nations expects of them. **(Lt. Col. Pullen is with the Public Affairs and Liaison Directorate, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, Washington DC)**

A will to live

By Staff Sgt. Patricia Ruth

After all that she had just gone through, she managed to place that usual smile on her face when she saw her fellow soldiers entering her hospital room. Sgt. Janice Jackson, former soldier in the 9th Theater Support Command (TSC), was one of the survivors in the Pentagon tragedy. She suffered third degree burns over parts of her body, but is in good spirits. She was at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in the burn unit.

Sgt. Jackson, the single mother of two girls— Sherica and Jasmine, assumed that Tuesday morning would be just like any other morning. After getting to work and hearing about the planes crashing into the World Trade Center, she and her co-workers began talking about the incident.

A short time later, Sgt. Jackson recalls that she heard a loud crash and before she knew it, debris was everywhere. "My main focus was getting out of there." stated Sgt Jackson and she began looking for an exit. She noticed a big hole in the wall and proceeded to exit through it with her co-workers. Raquel Kelley, one of Jackson's co-workers, got stuck coming out and yelled for Jackson to help her.

She returned to help her co-worker through the hole and immediately afterwards realized that she was on fire. Jackson said she literally crawled on her hands and knees through the fire, suffering burns to her head, neck, back,

and arms. According to Jackson, she was determined to make it out of there alive and that thinking of her children kept her going.

By the time she struggled free of the building, Jackson was severely burned and was taken by ambulance to the hospital's burn unit for treatment.

Sgt. Jackson works as a contractor for the Department of the Army installing computers at the Pentagon. At the time of the incident, she had only been working there for 9 months.

"She was in really good spirits and was thankful to everyone for their prayers," stated Staff Sgt. Sharon Riley, who works at the TSC. She visited Jackson in the hospital; "I was truly surprised to see her smiling," stated Riley, who was prepared for the worse after hearing of Sgt. Jackson's fate.

Sgt. Jackson is currently in the 55th TSC.. She works on the PT Team at that unit. A unit member described her as a shining star in the NCO ranks with a positive attitude and a winning personality."

(Editor's note: At the time of publication, Sgt. Jackson had been released from hospital and was recovering from her injuries. Staff Sgt. Ruth is with the 214th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Fort Belvoir, Va.)

Reserve MP uses military, civilian training following attack

Story and Photo by Staff Sgt. Michele Hammonds

Officer Arthur Rosati was in a meeting at the Pentagon near the metro entrance when he heard a blurb from his hand-held police radio.

Unable to hear the details, Rosati went out into the hallway with George Clodfelter, his partner, so they could listen more clearly the morning the Pentagon was attacked on Sept. 11.

"The hair on the back of my neck stood up, and suddenly I had a bad feeling," said Rosati, a Defense Protective Service policeman.

There had been an explosion on the mall side, according to the special report. The two raced back to the meeting and ordered everyone there to evacuate the building immediately.

Rosati said he relied on both his military and civilian law enforcement training.

"I ran to the mall side to find out what had happened, and I tried to evacuate people on foot," said Rosati as his eyes filled with tears.

He paused and lowered his head as he recalled what happened next.

"I ran out to the impact area and I saw my partner had a streak of blood across his shirt," he said. After checking to make sure his partner was all right, Rosati continued to evacuate people.

Rosati, who was recently promoted to master patrol officer with the Defense Protective Service at the Pentagon — wears two hats. Besides holding down a full-time job as a Pentagon police officer, he is a staff sergeant in the Army Reserve with 20 years of military service.

At the time of the explosion, Rosati couldn't see the cause but Wanda Ramey, a DPS master patrol officer, had a clear view. Ramey stood at the mall plaza booth when she saw a plane flying real low.

"I saw the wing of the plane clip the light post and it made the plane slant. Then the engine revved up and crashed into the west side of the building," she said. "It happened so fast. One second I saw the plane and next it was gone."

Recalling those moments again, Ramey said it appeared the building sucked the plane up inside.

"A few seconds later, I heard a loud boom and I saw a huge fireball and lots of smoke," she said.

Added another DPS officer who asked not to be identified, "I was on the other side – I heard a boom and a large fireball came over the roof of the building."

Ramey and another officer ran to the scene.

"People started flooding out of the building and some people looked like they were cut and bleeding," Ramey said. "Rosati was one of the officers over there pulling people out of the building."

Some fire and rescue crews were already on the scene, according to military officials.

The subsequent scene was "absolute pandemonium – people were running and screaming," Rosati said. "One lady was screaming hysterically and I ordered someone to help her out of the building."

His evacuation attempts were hampered because he didn't have a gas mask and other equipment to protect him from the heavy smoke and heat that had engulfed the mall area inside the Pentagon.

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A First-Class Outfit

The 311th Quartermaster Com

By Lt. Col. Randy Pullen

They are on a mission of national importance, doing what must be done. It is a job most others would prefer not to do.

They are the men and women of the Army Reserve's 311th Quartermaster Company (Mortuary Affairs) from Aguadilla, Puerto Rico. Their mission is to sift through the rubble from the terrorist attack on the Pentagon, looking for remains of the victims of that attack.

Their mission is a grim one. When American Airlines Flight 77 smashed into the west side of the Pentagon on September 11, it carried some 10,000 gallons of jet fuel. The resulting explosion, fire and collapse of part of the building killed 124 people inside the Pentagon and 64 on the airliner. The condition of the bodies, buried under and mixed among tons of debris, is best not to be described. To do what needed to be done to recover the remains — quickly, efficiently, with dignity and honor — would take a special sort of professional: the mortuary affairs specialist.

The mortuary affairs soldiers of the active Army's 54th Quartermaster Company from Fort Lee, Va., were on site by September 12. It quickly became clear that the mission to recover the remains from the Pentagon would take more of the highly trained specialists than the 54th had.

At about 10:30 a.m. on September 14, the call went out to the Army Reserve's 65th Regional Support Command in Puerto Rico, the higher headquarters of the 311th QM Company.

Although President George W. Bush ordered a partial mobilization of the Reserves this same day, it was not in effect when the call came, nor would the first call-ups from it take place for a few days. Help was needed now, volunteers who would deploy in a training status for an anything-but-training type mission.

The first 85 soldiers of the 311th left Puerto Rico later that day. By the next day, Saturday, September 15, they were getting settled at Fort Myer, Va. By Monday, September 17, they were at work in the north parking lot of the Pentagon, working side-by-side with the FBI. After FBI agents searched the debris for evidence, the 311th soldiers went to work recovering remains and personnel effects and preparing them for shipment to Dover Air Force Base in Delaware for identification.

Photo by Master Sgt. Vicki L. Washington

Hon. Anibal Acevedo-Vila (second from left), a member of congress representing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, unfurls the Puerto Rican and American flag. The flags are gifts to the members of the 311th Quartermaster Company (Mortuary Affairs), 394th Quartermaster Battalion, 65th U.S. Army Regional Support Command (RSC). Accepting them on behalf of the unit are Army Reservist Sgt. Lydia Valentin (center) and Sgt. 1st Class Jesus Galicia (right wearing BDU hat). Brig. Gen. Collis Phillips, commander of the 65th RSC is pictured in the beret and the unit's commander, 1st Lt. Hector Martinez is pictured on left.

Another 105 soldiers from Puerto Rico — the rest of the 311th and augmentees from the 246th Quartermaster Company — arrived on September 26. They were called up under the partial mobilization. The status for the original 85 volunteers had also changed from active duty for training to partial mobilization cal-up by this time, too.

pany on duty at the Pentagon

For some of the 311th's soldiers, Friday the 14th was their first drill with the unit since graduating from Advanced Individual Training at Fort Lee, Va., a few weeks earlier. Keeping a close eye on them as they perform this difficult mission was a strong core of experienced leaders. Several of their NCOs were with the company when it deployed to the Persian Gulf and know first-hand the sort of work they are required to perform in the area next to the Pentagon.

One of the Gulf War vets is 1st Sgt. Jose Santiago. In his civilian job, he restores classic cars. He deployed with the company as a sergeant during Operation DESERT STORM and supported the 1st Armored Division. He wears the "Old Ironsides" combat patch on his right shoulder.

"This is different than in the desert," Santiago said. "There, bodies would be brought back to a forward collection point where we'd process the remains. Here, we're going through the rubble to find remains."

He said he saw "really nasty stuff" during the Gulf War but for the young soldiers in the company, this was going to be a big and difficult experience for them.

"I've got really good NCOs," Santiago said. "Seven of them — six men and one woman — were with the company in the desert."

They and the other NCOs keep close watch on their soldiers, both on site and off.

Santiago said it was important to not let individual soldiers go off in a corner or isolate themselves from the others after they come off a shift at the site. They need to be kept informed of what is going on, they need to keep their minds busy, to go to the bowling alley or to engage in some physical training. He spoke from experience. He and his other NCOs are determined to make sure his soldiers benefit from that experience.

One of the youngest soldiers is Pvt. 2 Wilnette Perez-Padilla. She finished AIT at Fort Lee on August 28. Her first drill with the unit was on September 14.

"They asked for volunteers," she said. "My hand went up."

"It's a sad situation," she added, "but I'm extremely proud to be here to help our nation."

Her first day of operations at the Pentagon on September 17 started out by someone thanking her for what she was doing. That someone was the President of the United States.

Perez-Padilla was on hand, along with several other members of the 311th, when President Bush came by the Pentagon to meet with the reserve component chiefs. They got to shake his hand when he left that meeting. When told that the 311th was an Army Reserve company from Puerto Rico, the President exchanged a few words in Spanish with the company commander, 1st Lt. Hector Martinez.

After meeting the President, the 311th soldiers also visited with Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief, Army Reserve. Then it was back to the north parking lot.

Soon, Perez-Padilla and her comrades were in biohazard suits and searching through tons of wreckage. The first day, working in 12-hour shifts, the 311th went through 14 truck trailers full of debris. The remains they found were collected and bagged, for shipment to Dover AFB. Once the remains are identified, they can help bring some closure to the loved ones of the victims.

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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Cedric H. Rudisill

President George Bush greets members of the 311th Quartermaster Company at the Pentagon just days after their arrival.

Attack On America
Support organizations

Coping with emotional responses to traumatic events

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) has programs to help combat veterans deal with the emotional trauma of war. Those programs have enabled VA to become widely recognized within the medical community as a leader in helping people deal with the aftermath of emotional events.

The emotional effects of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and the Washington, D.C., area, will be felt by people everywhere. Those who were at the scene or have lost loved ones will have strong reactions. People who saw or heard about the attacks through the news media may also be very upset.

Common Reactions

Traumatic events create fear, grief, horror, helplessness and the feeling of being overwhelmed. People may be bothered by nightmares or upsetting thoughts and pictures that come to mind. Young children may be upset, distracted, or out of sorts. These are normal reactions to very stressful events, and they usually get better with time.

People directly affected by tragedy, young children, people who have been through other traumatic events, and people with emotional problems may need extra help.

Things You Can Do

Whether directly affected by traumatic events or helping others through a difficult time, there are things to do:

Remember that everyone has his or her own pace for processing trauma. It is important to listen to and honor their own pace and ways of dealing with the situation.

Talk or spend time with people. Coping with stressful events is easier when people support each other. Follow your own natural inclination with regard to how much and to whom you talk.

If talking does not feel right, other forms of expression such as journal writing, hobbies, art, or other enjoyable activities are often helpful.

Find something positive you can do. Give blood. Join efforts in your community to respond to this tragedy. Talk to your children and other loved ones to make sure they are OK.

For Children

Let them know you understand their feelings.

Tell them that they really are safe.

Keep to your usual routines.

Keep them from seeing too many frightening pictures of the events.

When To Seek Help

If a person is still upset a month after the attack, he or she may need to get extra help coping. The sources below have information about where to get more help if it is needed.

Where To Get More Information:

National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder: www.ncptsd.org

This web site provides general information about trauma responses, research, and treatment, and has recently posted information about self-care, treatment, veterans, primary care clinicians and phases of responses in the aftermath of terrorism.

PTSD Alliance: www.PTSDAlliance.org

Provides educational information on PTSD to patients, families, and professionals.

Also call (877) 506-PTSD toll-free to receive a free package of information about PTSD, including a video.

Sierra-Pacific Mental Illness Research Education, and Clinical Center (MIRECC): http://mirecc.stanford.edu

Contains video streaming of presentations and journal articles on post-traumatic stress.

(Editor's Note: Information in this fact sheet courtesy of the Education Division of the National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Veterans Affairs Palo Alto Health Care System.)

IRS sets up special toll free number for families

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24, 2001–The Internal Revenue Service announced Sept. 24 a special toll-free telephone number, 1-866-562-5227, set up for taxpayers whose ability to meet their federal tax obligations has been affected by the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York and at the Pentagon.

"This special number will help people cut through the red tape and get their tax questions answered quickly," IRS Commissioner Charles Rossotti said. "We don't want lingering tax questions to burden anyone during this challenging time."

The phone line is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. in English and 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Spanish, Eastern time.

"We wanted to provide specialized assistance to the people directly impacted by these tragic events," said Ron Watson, Director, Customer Account Services for the IRS Wage and Investment Division.

Because of the unusual nature of the tragic events of Sept. 11, it is impossible for the IRS to know every circumstance that might affect taxpayers, officials said.

For more information on tax extensions and other tax issues, visit the IRS Web site at www.irs.gov

Taxpayers with questions not related to the terrorist attacks should visit the IRS Web site or call the regular IRS toll-free number at 1-800-829-1040.

VA offers benefits for surviving family members

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced recently that it has a variety of programs to assist survivors of active-duty military members killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. VA officials expect these benefits would primarily affect military personnel who were killed in the jet crash into the Pentagon, although benefits would equally apply to active-duty members who died at the World Trade Center towers. For life insurance benefits in particular, VA expects there additionally will be payments to the families of reservists who were civilian employees or visitors at any of the locations attacked, or who were passengers on the planes.

Shortly after the attacks, VA began working with the casualty offices of the military services to expedite life insurance benefits as remains are identified. VA will give the highest priority to help surviving family members obtain their VA benefits.

VA has compiled information in "Veterans Benefits for Survivors" currently highlighted at http://www.vba.va.gov. In addition, because a significant portion of the population is veterans, VA expects that a large number of veterans were killed in the attacks in addition to the active-duty members. The widows and widowers of these former servicemembers also may be eligible for certain benefits depending on income, whether the veteran had been rated with a serious disability, whether the veteran served in a period of war and other factors. More information about how VA services apply in individual cases is available from benefits counselors at 800-827-1000.

Benefits

Death Payments

When an active-duty member dies at work or in the line of duty, the death is considered service-connected whether accidental or due to a hostile force. VA pays a basic monthly rate of $911 to eligible surviving spouses. In some cases, VA can pay more, such as an adjustment for each dependent child. Under this program, called Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, the basic rate is adjusted annually and payments continue indefinitely, generally until the death or remarriage of the spouse.

Life Insurance

Most servicemembers and reservists take VA's life insurance coverage, though a few decline coverage. VA expects most will have opted for life insurance coverage at the highest levels, setting payments as high as $250,000. VA is ready to process insurance payments for the beneficiaries of those killed in the terrorist attack within 48 hours of receipt of the casualty report from the Defense Department and the claim from the beneficiary. VA also offers the designated policy beneficiary free, personalized and objective financial planning services through nationally renowned commercial insurance and financial services.

Burial and Headstones

The servicemembers who died — as well as civilians who were honorably discharged veterans killed in the attacks — all are eligible for burial in a VA national cemetery or, if the family wishes to arrange burial in a private cemetery, VA will provide a headstone or marker. Because deaths while on duty are considered service-connected, VA will pay up to $1,500 toward private burial expenses in those cases. If the decedent will be buried in a VA national cemetery, some or all of the cost of transporting the deceased to the cemetery may be reimbursed. Certain burial benefits would also extend to those retired from the reserves or National Guard.

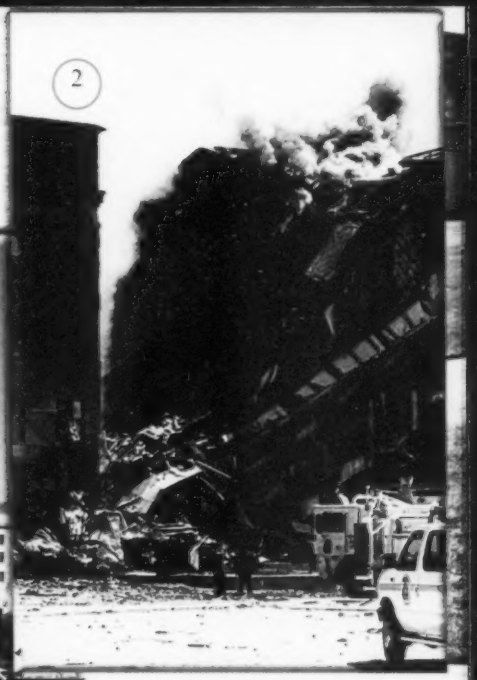
Educational Assistance

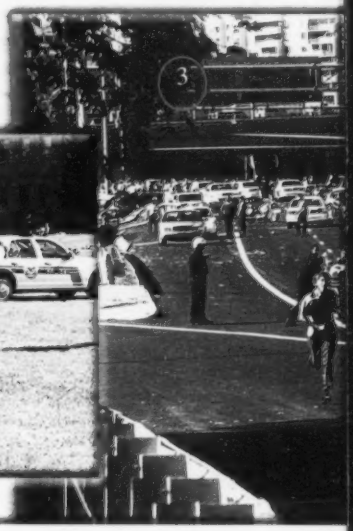
VA's Survivors' and Dependents' Educational Assistance program generally provides up to 45 months of education benefits to the surviving spouse or child aged 18 to 26 where a servicemember died in the line of duty. In addition, professional, educational and vocational counseling will be provided to these beneficiaries without charge.

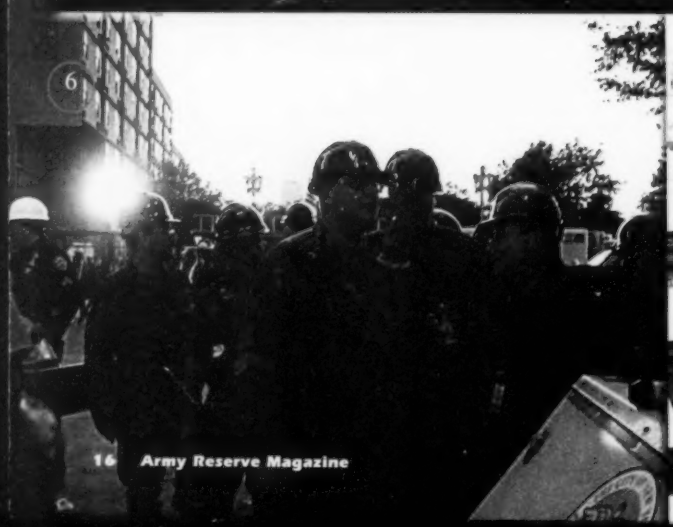
Home Loans

Widows and widowers of military members who died in the terrorist attacks may be eligible for a VA-guaranteed home loan from a private lender. The loan may be used to purchase, construct or improve a home, to refinance an existing mortgage or for certain other purposes.

Attack On America In Pictures







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for photo information

Army Updates

Army Knowledge Online Accounts Now Mandatory

Every soldier, reservist, and Army civilian will be required to have an Army Knowledge Online account by Oct. 1. This requirement was spelled out in a memorandum signed Aug. 8 by Secretary of the Army Thomas E. White and Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki. The requirement will ensure that soldiers will no longer have to send away for copies of their personnel and financial records. They will be able to access this information through an Army Knowledge Online account. Eventually, they will also be able to view and update their personnel data on the Web. All Army Knowledge Online users will be given an e-mail account that they can use for the rest of their career and even after retirement. The e-mail address will stay the same no matter where soldiers and civilians are stationed worldwide. To sign up for an Army Knowledge Online account visit **http://www.us.army.mil/** and click on the "I'm a New User" link to register.

Military Thrift Savings Plan Enrollments Start Oct. 9

Beginning Oct. 9, active duty and reserve component service members can choose to contribute a percentage of their pay to the military's thrift savings program (TSP). This plan had previously been available only to federal civilian employees. The first enrollment window for persons who entered military service on or before Dec. 8, 2001, is from Oct. 9, 2001,to Jan. 31,2002. Persons who enroll during this period will see TSP contributions deducted each month from their pay starting in January 2002. Persons who join the uniformed services after Dec. 8, 2001 will have 60 days after entering service to enroll in the TSP. Military members can enroll in TSP by completing a TSP election form and submitting it through their local service branch finance office. Service members can download enrollment forms and obtain other information from the TSP Web site at **http://www.tsp.gov**.

SGLI Coverage Extended to Family Members Nov. 1

The Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) will be extended to provide coverage to family members beginning Nov. 1. Under the new provisions, spouses and children will be automatically covered if the military member is an SGLI participant. The maximum automatic coverage is $100,000 for a member's spouse, and the amount of coverage of a member's spouse cannot exceed the amount of coverage of the insuring member. Premiums for spouse coverage will be charged based upon spouse's age and will range from 9 cents to 55 cents per $1,000 of coverage. For example, $100,000 of coverage could be obtained on a spouse younger than 35 for $9 per month. Children will be covered automatically for $10,000,and the member will not be charged a premium for the children. For more information, visit the SGLI Web site at **http://www.insurance.va.gov/sglivgli/sglifam.htm**.

VEAP to Montgomery GI Bill possible for some AGRs

The Veterans Benefits and Health Care Improvement Act of 2000 reopens the eligibility window for active and retired military service members to convert from the Veterans Education Assistance Program (VEAP) to the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB). This is the second opportunity since 1997 for VEAP participants to receive the benefits of the MGIB.

The Fort Myer and Pentagon Army Education Centers are prepared for full implementation and processing of eligible service members who meet the following guidelines:

1. Must have served on active duty continuously from Oct. 9, 1996 through April 1, 2000 with no break in service.

2. Must have been a participant in VEAP Oct. 9, 1996; not required to have contributions on file.

3. Must make an irrevocable election to enroll in the MGIB before Oct. 31, 2001.

Must meet all other MGIB eligibility requirements.

This conversion is open to all U.S. Military Academy and ROTC scholarship graduates, enlistment bonus and loan repayment program participants who meet the guidelines above.

Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) service members may be eligible, but must contact their Reserve/Guard education representative.

If you are eligible for this conversion, call your Education Center for counseling and conversion details.

For more information, call the Pentagon Education Center, Room 3C147 at (703) 614-4514, the Fort Myer Education Center, Building 219, at (703) 696-1653 or your servicing education center. Or, visit the education benefits website at:

http://www.gibill.va.gov

Positions available worldwide for reserve soldiers

By Larry D. McCaskill

The Military Traffic Management Command's (MTMC) has a solution for soldiers looking to stay in the Army Reserve but who can't find a Transportation Corps unit near their home – the Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) program.

The IMA program allows pre-identified soldiers to serve in critical positions during mobilization and serve a minimum of two-weeks active duty annually. Soldiers participating in the program can enhance their military career, skills, plus earn retirement points and extra cash. According to the U.S. Army Reserve Personnel Command's Personnel Management Office "an IMA soldier is three to four times more likely to receive a promotion, over an individual ready reserve soldier, due to his/her participation."

Stateside, the command has IMA positions in New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Texas, California, Virginia and Washington. For soldiers wanting to travel overseas, MTMC's IMA program has numerous positions abroad. With vacancies in Holland, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Bahrain, Korea, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii, military transportation specialists have a variety of duty assignments from which to choose.

"We have IMA positions open all around the world," said Beth Taraba, a traffic management specialist with MTMC Deployment Support Command's Readiness, Mobilization and Reserve Affairs.

In addition to the overseas travel, OCONUS IMA tours are three-weeks in duration. According to Taraba, the command also has Navy and Air Force IMA positions and MTMC's IMA positions are not limited to transporters.

"We have IMA positions from staff sergeants all the way to brigadier general and MTMC offers a wide variety of military occupational skills," she said. "We have some judge advocate general positions, military personnel specialists, logisticians and many others available."

Your Personnel Management Office in St. Louis is the point of contact to receive an IMA assignment. However, information and details concerning available IMA positions within MTMC can be obtained from:

Carolyn Simpers – CONUS, PR and Alaska
SimpersC@mtmc.army.mil

Master Sgt. Michael Burnett – EUROPE
BurnettM@mtmc598th.army.mil

David Bertao – PACIFIC
BertaoD@mtpc.army.mil

To view IMA vacancies go to **http://dsc.mtmc.army.mil/ReserveAffairs/default.htm**

(Mr. McCaskill is with the MTMC Deployment Support Command Public Affairs, Fort Eustis, Va.)

Reserve privileges expanded in Germany

By Lt. Col. Burt Masters

SCHWETZINGEN, Germany— U.S. Army Europe (USAREUR) recently approved the expansion of commissary and exchange privileges for reservists based in Germany. Changes were made to existing USAREUR regulations, which grant reservists increased access to U.S. facilities. The Reserve Individual Logistics Support (ILS) initiative authorizes 24 days of shopping privileges in facilities, while in a non-active duty status.

Previously, reservists were only entitled shopping privileges in U.S. facilities when on active duty, with orders in hand. The changes now grant reservists access using the Army Reserve's "pink" Commissary Privilege Card and the new Army and Air Force Exchange Service, Europe (AAFES) Privilege Card.

Increased commissary access became effective July 1, for reservists already in possession of the Commissary Card. The printing and distribution of the AAFES Privilege Card is pending. Both cards will be marked at checkout counters when reservists make purchases.

The ILS initiative is designed to give U.S. reservists based in Germany, and their authorized dependents, privileges similar, though not identical, to those in the U.S. Stateside reservists already have the 24 days of commissary access using the Reserve com-

missary card and possess unlimited PX access, without a card. However, Status of Forces Agreements with the German government and corresponding USAREUR regulations governing ILS, tightly restrict access to U.S. facilities.

The Europe-based 7th Army Reserve Command has worked the initiative of expanded Reserve ILS privileges for an extended period with USAREUR and German government officials. The initiative is considered a milestone in Reservists' integration with the Active Component here. It also serves as a valuable recruiting and retention tool for reservists based in Germany.

(Lt. Col. Masters is the Public Affairs Officer for the 7th Army Reserve Command, Sweitzingen, Germany)

65th RSC gets OCAR retention award

By Pedro Silva

FORT BUCHANAN, Puerto Rico—The 65th Regional Support Command (RSC) Retention Office has proven that it is the premier retention office in the Army Reserve by snagging first place as the 2000 Office of the Chief, Army Reserve (OCAR), Retention Office. The recognition comes after the office exceeded its retention mission and maintained the lowest attrition rate among reserve commands.

In recognition of the achievement a plaque was awarded in August in Orlando, Fla. during the Annual Retention and Transition Conference, hosted by the OCAR, Retention and Transition Division, U.S. Army Reserve Command.

The award was presented to Lt. Col. Migdalia de Jesus and Sgt. Maj. Henry E. Griffin from the 65th, who acknowledged that it was a joint effort by all the members of the RSC that they were recognized as the best retention office. De Jesus extended a special thanks to all soldiers for their support and assistance in helping them accomplish their mission.

(Mr. Silva is the Public Affairs Officer for the 65th Regional Support Command, Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico).

Army Reserve selects its top soldiers for 2001

By Lt. Col. Randy Pullen

WASHINGTON—"We pass the titles to two of you tonight. I'm sure that your anxiety and stress levels are very high right now."

These were the words used by Sgt. 1st Class Juan Cerda, the 2000 Army Reserve Noncommissioned Officer of the Year, as he addressed the nine Army Reserve soldiers and noncommissioned officers gathered at the second annual Army Reserve-wide Soldier and NCO of the Year recognition banquet August 18.

Cerda and Spec. Clinton Newman, the 2000 Army Reserve Soldier of the Year, were the dual masters of ceremony for the banquet. Representing Army Reserve units from around the world, two of the nine in front of Cerda and Newman would take their places as NCO of the Year and Soldier of the Year.

The suspense lasted through dinner and then it was time for the announcements that everyone was waiting on. Trisha Lackey, wife of the Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve and representing the Association of the United States Army, opened the envelopes and announced each winner.

Spec. Jean Stackpole, 941st Transportation Detachment, 88th Regional Support Command, Fort Sheridan, Ill., was named the Army Reserve's 2001 Soldier of the Year. She is a traffic management coordinator.

Staff Sgt. Jody Wilson, U.S. Forces Korea Support Unit, 9th Regional Support Command, Fort Shafter, Hawaii, was named the Army Reserve's 2001 NCO of the Year. She is an executive administration specialist.

Each of the top two citizen-soldiers in the Army Reserve was presented the Meritorious Service Medal by Command Sgt. Maj. Ray Lackey, the Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve as well as numerous other items from representatives of the organizations supporting and co-sponsoring the competition. All of the other competitors, each the outstanding soldier or NCO of his or her respective command, received a plaque and a copy of Twice the Citizen: A History of the U.S. Army Reserve.

The banquet was the culmination of three busy days for the competing soldiers and months of work by the NCOs of the Army Reserve who planned, organized and then conducted the competition.

Each competitor had appeared before a board of senior NCOs earlier on the day of the banquet. The results were tabulated and the final selection was made. The results were announced following dinner.

Although appearing before a board is always stressful, the competition organizers planned a number of events to make the soldiers' time in Washington enjoyable and memorable, too. The soldiers and their escorts were given a VIP tour of the nation's capital. Highlights included a tour of the White House, going to the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and Audie Murphy's grave at Arlington National Cemetery, lunch in the Pentagon's Executive Dining Room, followed by a tour of the Pentagon. As

they passed his office during the Pentagon tour, Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley came out to greet the soldiers and their escorts.

They saw the 12th Sergeant Major of the Army again a few hours later when Tilley was the guest of honor at a social. He talked with all of them and made sure each of the nominees received a Sergeant Major of the Army coin.

Tilley also gave coins to Cerda and Newman, as well as to four additional outstanding soldiers: Master Sgt. David Gravunder, the Army Reserve Instructor of the Year; Sgt. 1st Class Wayne McPhillips, the Army Reserve Drill Sergeant of the Year; Sgt. 1st Class Michael O'Brien, the Army Reserve Recruiter of the Year; and Sgt. 1st Class Cherie Luebcke, the Army Reserve Retention NCO of the Year.

The first annual banquet in 2000 had been a night of many memorable moments and surprises. The 2001 banquet continued that tradition.

Lackey, the eighth Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve called forward four of his predecessors in attendance: retired Command Sgt. Maj. William Foley, the first Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Cornelius Boykin, the third, retired Command Sgt. Maj. Douglas Murray, the fifth, and retired Command Sgt. Maj. Collin Younger, the sixth. These five NCOs have a combined total of 180 years of military service.

They presented to the NCO of the year for the first time the "Retired Command Sergeants Major Award" — a beautiful mounted sword and scabbard.

Another highlight of the evening was a reminder that there is really no such thing as a retired Sergeant Major of the Army. When Master of Ceremonies Newman called forward retired Sgt. Maj. of the Army Richard Kidd to represent GEICO and make a presentation, he slipped and called him "Retired Command Sgt. Maj. Kidd."

Newman quickly caught his error but he was not quick enough.

"Give me ten," said Kidd with a smile.

Newman dropped and started to knock out ten pushups. His NCO partner did not let him do them alone. Cerda dropped beside Newman and did ten, too.

This year's vocalist for the event was Staff Sgt. Darlene Maurer, an Army civilian in Germany and soldier in the European-based 7th Army Reserve Command, who sang the National Anthem at the beginning of the banquet and then sang that favorite from the Persian Gulf War, "Proud To Be An American." She did not lead the singing of the closing song. That honor went to the Army's newest sergeant.

Newman, the 2000 Soldier of the Year, was called forward by Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve and promoted to sergeant. One of his first duties as a brand-new NCO was to lead the banquet attendees in singing "the Army Song."

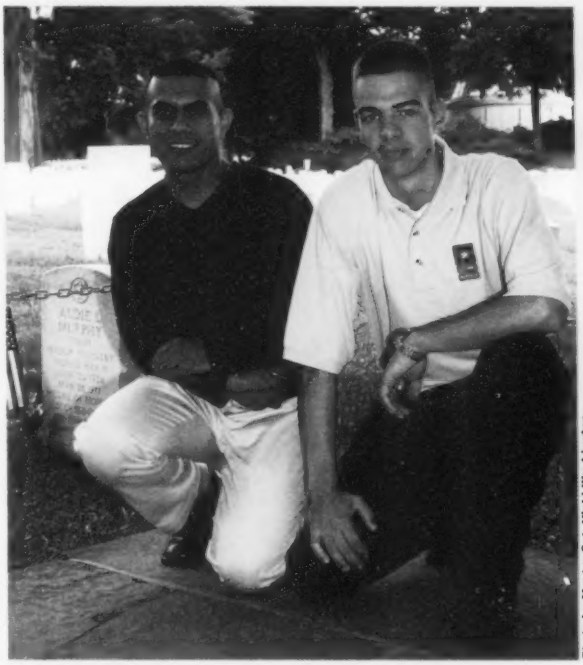

Photo by Master Sgt. Vicki Washington

Sgt. 1st Class Juan Cerda, the 2000 Army Reserve Noncommissioned Officer of the Year (left) and Spec. Clinton Newman, the 2000 Army Reserve Soldier of the Year pose in front of the Audie Murphy burial site during a visit to Arlington Cemetery.

As Cerda and Newman turned over their titles, Wilson and Stackpole were eager to take up the responsibilities that go with their recognition.

"This is a dream come true," said Stackpole. "I'm going to do the best I can as I represent the Army Reserve."

Stackpole's fellow honoree was also proud of what her selection meant.

"It's a great honor to represent the 9th RSC and the Army Reserve as NCO of the Year," Wilson said.

Both soldiers will get plenty of opportunities throughout the coming year to represent their fellow Army Reserve soldiers. Among the events they will attend are the AUSA and Noncommissioned Officers Association (NCOA) annual meetings, as well as the variety of activities connected with next year's change of leadership in the Army Reserve when Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief, Army Reserve, completes his term of office and retires.

The other outstanding soldiers and NCOs and the commands they represented were:

Spec. Nainoa Hoe, 100th Battalion, 442nd Infantry, representing the 9th Regional Support Command

Spec. Thomas Domich, represent-

ing the 7th U.S. Army Reserve Command.

Sgt. Tamara Peruzzo, representing the 7th U.S. Army Reserve Command.

Staff Sgt. Timothy Kelly, representing the U.S. Army Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Command.

Staff Sgt. Christeen Williams, representing the Army Reserve Personnel Command.

Staff Sgt. Thomas Mortenson, representing the U.S. Army Reserve Command.

Sgt. 1st Class Monica B. Morris, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve (OCAR), representing OCAR and the National Capital Region

(Lt. Col. Pullen is with the Public Affairs and Liaison Directorate, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve, Washington)

Army Reserve Equipment site dedicated in Germany

Story by Lt. Col. Burt Masters

MANNHEIM, Germany—Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief, U.S. Army Reserve, participated in the dedication of the 7th Army Reserve Command's Equipment Storage Site-Expanded (ESS-X) on June 16, 2001. The event was hosted by the ARCOM's commander, Brig. Gen. Paul D. Patrick. Also participating in the site dedication were Maj. Gen. Robert F. Dees, V Corps deputy commanding general, and Col. Howard C. Butler, 26th Area Support Group commander.

The ESS-X is a state-of-the-art, consolidated equipment maintenance, repair, and storage facility based in Spinelli Barracks in Mannheim. It supports the 7th ARCOM's 20 Reserve units located throughout Germany. The facility is an outgrowth of the Chief, Army Reserve's initiative to forward-station Army Reserve equipment in overseas locations and to consolidate logistics operations. The ESS-X is operated by contractors overseen by the 7th ARCOM's logistics staff. It ensures that mission-capable vehicles and other equipment are ready to go on short notice for unit training events and contingency operations.

The operation is a major logistics initiative for the European-based 7th ARCOM and the Army Reserve. Since its inception in 1999, the facility is credited with producing significantly improved unit equipment readiness rates. It also promotes safe and environmentally friendly operations that meet or exceed U.S. and German safety and environmental policies. The facility is a tenant activity located within the U.S. Army Europe's 26th Area Support Group community.

(Lt. Col. Masters is the public affairs officer for the 7th Army Reserve Command, Germany)

Instructors needed

The Army Reserve's 14th Battalion (NCOES), 6th Brigade (PD), 98th Division (IT), is currently seeking highly motivated NCOs of any Military Occupational Specialty who have the desire to excel as an Army Reserve Instructor. If you are a good communicator and have a proven work ethic, we may just have an opening in your area.

They are responsible for teaching common core classes in the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course (BNCOC) and the Advanced Noncommissioned Officer Course (ANCOC). These classes are taught in an Inactive Duty Training (IDT) status at Army National Guard Regional Training Institutes in the eight states that make up this region:

New York	Camp Smith
	Niagara Falls
	Fort Drum
New Jersey	Sea Girt
Connecticut	Niantic
Rhode Island	Narragansett
Massachusetts	Bourne
New Hampshire	Ctr Strafford
Maine	Augusta
Vermont	Colchester

To become certified, an instructor must meet the following requirements:

Have served in a leadership position (waiverable)

Be a SGT(P), SSG or SFC

Meet HT/WT standards

Passed an APFT within the last six months

"H" ASI awarded

Attended TAITC/BFITC and SGITC

Be a graduate of the appropriate level NCOES

Successfully complete the Mentorship Program (one cycle under a certified instructor)

The secret of getting ahead is getting started! Call 1-800-238-3138, ext 227, or ext 22605 to see if you qualify.

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dinner.

To the selectees AAFES presented a $250 certificate towards the purchase of a new Army Physical Fitness uniform. AFI presented a gift certificate for a set of Marlow White dress blues. AUSA presented a gold watch as did GEICO. GEICO also provided a $500 gift certificate and phone cards. NCOA presented each selectee with a plaque and coins. USAA presented $1,000 savings bonds and clocks.

In addition, my thanks go out to Command Sgt. Maj. Aubrey Butts and the Old Guard who provided transportation.

Reserve unit plays major role in rescue mission

By Sgt. Frank A. Brown

FORT LEWIS, Wash.— An Army Reserve aviation unit recently played a major role during a rescue mission high atop Mount Ranier.

After spending the night on the summit, amidst -15 degree temperatures and 60 mph winds, a team of four climbers and five national park rescue rangers were flown to safety by Army Reservists.

Members of Company A, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment took part in the rescue mission after the four climbers became stranded.

The Reserve unit dispatched a CH-47 Chinook the morning of May 29 and dropped five rescuers off at the summit. The rescuers rappelled down to the four climbers and the group of nine then climbed their way back to the volcano top.

A 159th Aviation Regiment CH-47 Chinook helicopter lifts off after dropping five rescuers off at the summit of Mount Rainier. The unit took part in a rescue effort that led to the safe return of four climbers.

However, swirling clouds and eventual darkness prevented the party from exiting the mountain until the following day.

"With the high altitude, it can change awfully quick up there," said Maj. Joe Ingignoli, Co. A, 5th Bn., 159th Aviation.

"Their weather was beautiful going up," said Army Reserve Capt. Calvin Wineland, operations officer, Company A, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment.

The good weather did not hold up.

"I've spent the night on the summit and it's cold," said Dee Patterson, a climbing ranger and one of at least 20 Mount Rainier employees involved in the rescue mission. "It's very windy and very unpleasant. You pray for warm morning sunlight."

The climbers, Dylan Scoville-Simonds, James Fishburn, Alton Willoughby and Mike Schiller, all from the Seattle area, had been on the 14,410-foot mountain for six days. Their climbing plans indicated they expected to climb up Liberty Ridge and then descend on Emmons Glacier.

Liberty Ridge is considered one of the most challenging climbs on Mount Rainier, and usually one attempted by experienced climbing teams only. Other groups that climbed the ridge in recent days reported icy conditions.

The climbers' plans changed when they lost all their gear in an avalanche May 28.

Stranded 13,500 feet up on the steep slope on Liberty Ridge, just above a rock feature known as Black Pyramid, with no equipment, food or water, the climbing party began radioing park officials for help. Bad weather had them pinned down.

Scoville-Simonds, 24, who had climbed the mountain twice before, declined to be interviewed, but not before saying, "(An avalanche) is not something you necessarily prepare for. It's something you try to avoid. It was an unexpected event."

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Med Falcon IV

Providing "maximum care" in Kosovo, battling

Story and photos by 1st Lt. Michael Oliveira

CAMP BONDSTEEL, Kosovo—*Outside the emergency room door, four litter bearers stood ready, eyes wide, heads tilted skyward, as they waited patiently for the incoming MEDIVAC UH-60 helicopter to touch down on the hospital helipad. Beyond the door, among a backdrop of IV bags and other assorted medical equipment, Army Reserve medical professionals from Task Force Med Falcon IV and their United Kingdom UK) counterparts calmly prepare for a patient's arrival.*

The litter bearers move closer to the helipad – close enough to be pelted by dust and pebbles stirred up by the whirl of an incoming helicopter's blades. Within seconds of touching down, the helicopter door slides open. The litter team disappears behind the helicopter fuel pod, and then reappeared, carrying a stretcher and a patient with an IV bag suspended between them.

Once inside the Emergency Room, medical personnel scramble to try and save another life. Nurses, surgeons and paramedics huddled in a circle trying to reestablish the breathing and heartbeat of an Albanian male.

Despite the appearance of chaos, Army Reservist Sgt. Matthew Rizzo massages the heart, with calm and deliberate movements while an Emergency Medical Technician squeezes air into the man's lungs as the exchange is made to ER personnel. For fifteen minutes, everyone involved brought to bear all of their military and civilian skills to save this life. It was not to be.

For the members of Task Force Med Falcon IV (TFMF IV), this was not an exercise. This was the real thing for the 150 medical Reservists, their 25 Active Component counterparts, and the 25 United Kingdom (UK) partners. Dealing with life and death situations on a daily basis, and managing the aftermath, became the norm from the moment they arrived at Camp Bondsteel.

"For us (the surgeons), dealing with this type of trauma is normal," said Maj. Timothy Counihan, an Army Reserve surgeon, from the 399th Combat Support Hospital (CSH), Taunton, Mass. "It's the same type of penetrating injuries we would see in a hospital in Boston, New York, or New Jersey. It's the younger enlisted who had never seen this before who were most affected."

"You can't train for what we've seen," said Chaplain (Capt.) William Harding, a Reservist from Boston, Mass. "It's sad to say, but you have to get used to it, like the surgeons."

"I don't think I will ever get used to death," said Sgt.

Cherie Davis, the Chaplain Assistant and Army Reservist from the 399th. She said her worst day in country was when she watched an Albanian family squeeze the corpse of their son into a car the size of a Volkswagen.

"How do you get used to that?" Davis asked. "The sounds of a body cracking." Davis paused, took a deep breadth, and then continued. "But I've learned I can deal with anything."

Caring for patients

Within their first 90 days of arrival at Camp Bondsteel, the medical professionals treated multiple trauma patients, to include UK and Russian KFOR soldiers, Albanian and Serbian local nationals, and provided daily sick-call for more than 3,000 KFOR soldiers from the Multi-national Brigade-East.

Col. Dean Sienko commanded TFMF IV and was deployed to Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo, in March. Reservists from the 307th Medical Group, the 399th CSH, and the 407th Medical Company (Ground Ambulance) combined with Active Component members from the 248th Medical Detachment (Veterinary Services), the 32nd Medical Logistics Battalion (Forward), the 926th Medical Detachment (Preventive Medicine), the 236th Medical Company (Air Ambulance), and were augmented by an element of the 52nd Aero-medical Evacuation Liaison Team (USAF) to form the only Level III Medical Task Force in Multi-National Brigade-East.

A first

TFMF IV became the first Multi-national Medical Task

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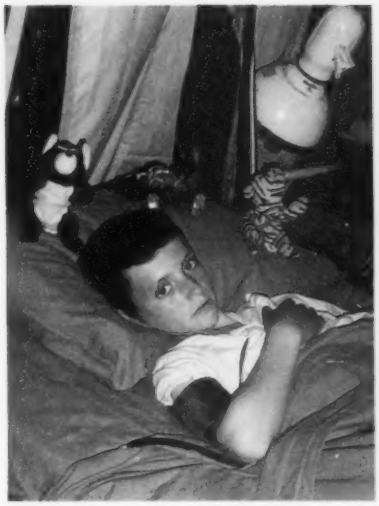

(From l-r) Task Force Med Falcon IV personnel help a patient from the helicopter after he arrives for treatment. One of the many children treated at the medical facility. A surgical team works on a trauma patient.

Force, on 17 April 2001, when 25 United Kingdom personnel from the disestablished Reynolds Hospital in Pristina joined them at Camp Bondsteel as a means of further increasing NATO's medical capabilities in theater.

"Two great nations combined two great teams to form a more powerful medical task force within KFOR," said Sienko, during the US/UK Integration Ceremony held at Camp Bondsteel.

From the beginning, Sienko's "one team, one mission" concept permeated the hospital and the entire task force, resulting in Army Reservists, Active Component soldiers, and UK members working as a unified medical front. Through teamwork and high spirits, the task force won several Camp Bondsteel awards, to include the Camp Bondsteel 4th of July softball tournament and several spirit awards for 5K and 10K races.

For the Reservists of the 399th, this type of integration was nothing new. What was new was the period of time spent away from home. Accustomed to the normal two-to-four week annual training period, these Reservists had to make an adjustment to a longer absence after a presidential call-up mobilized them. Such call-ups give the President of the United States power to activate Reservists for a period of up to 270 days.

Various experiences

Army Reservists participating in this call-up brought a wealth of experience and capabilities with them, further enhancing the mission's success," according to the task force's executive officer.

"The long-term relationship with the 28th CSH provided our soldiers with multiple experiences to draw upon when working with other Active Duty soldiers," said Lt. Col. Raymond Murray, TFMF IV executive officer. "Our experiences in various parts of the world opened our minds to different cultures and different medical capabilities. Combined, these experiences, when added to Col. Sienko's team vision and command concept, helped bond and unite our medical task force."

"Despite our cultural differences, we learned to work together for the good of our patients," added Maj. John Best, the task force hospital executive officer and UK commander. "For the good of each other, we learned to live with one another, accept one another, and enjoy sharing time with one another. It's our differences that make this experience unique. And it's our differences that bring us together like magnets and make this entire mission enjoyable."

The hospital's primary mission was to provide high-level healthcare (surgery, inpatient care, pharmacy, lab, and radiology services) to 10,000 NATO soldiers in the sector. With a 26-bed holding capacity hospital, expandable to 52-beds, the task force staff provided emergency, resuscitative, and surgical stabilization. The task force also provided medical emergency care to local national citizens within MNB-E to prevent the loss of life, limb, or eyesight.

(The 399th Combat Support Hospital redeployed to the U.S. in October. 1st Lt. Oliveira was the Public Affairs Officer for Task Force Medical Falcon IV at the time this article was written.)

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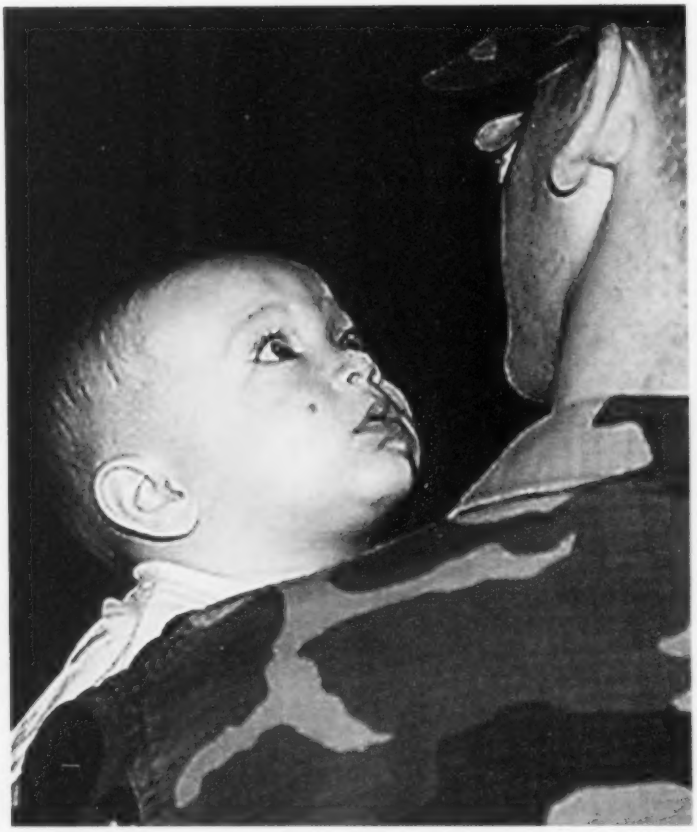


(Clockwise from above) Spc. Eric Still, of Orlando meets his baby brother for the first time. Cole, six months old, was born while Still was deployed to Kosovo with 1st Platoon, 741st Adjutant General (Postal) Company. Family and friends welcomed the 741st home Feb. 2. Spec. Amaury Figueroa receives a welcome home hug from his mom, Sonia Figueroa.

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class D. Keith Johnson

ORLANDO, Fla.—Father's Day…Fourth of July…Thanksgiving…Christmas…Some Orlando reservists spent these and other holidays along with a few birthdays, deployed to Kosovo for seven months.

Eighteen soldiers from the 741st AG Company (Postal), located here, were mobilized to go to Macedonia on June 18, 2000, Father's Day. They returned Feb. 2, 2001.

There were a lot of miles, activities, and memories in between.

The Beginning

Once the 741st was notified that one of their platoons was slated for mobilization, selected members of the platoon completed five months of postal certification and individual training.

Training complete, family and friends joined them at the Orange County U.S. Army Reserve Center for a farewell ceremony the morning of June 17, 2000. For some of the reservists, the deployment meant delaying major events in their lives.

Spec. Kris Virga's engagement to Alicia Gable would have to be put on hold for nine months.

"I'm very upset he's leaving, but I know he'll be okay," said Gable.

"Hopefully, after six months, we can meet in Italy on leave," Virga added. He is a full-time student and was hoping to continue his studies with classes over the Internet.

Platoon leader 1st Lt. Michael Martinez, from Tampa, Fla., said that his platoon was definitely ready to go.

"Postal ops personnel from Germany gave us classes on what to expect," he said.

Most of the soldier's employers were cooperative about the time away from the job. Spec. Candy Sheirer works at Walt Disney World as a security officer. "We have a lot of ex-military guys so they were understanding," said Sheirer.

winding road...

(left) 1st Lt. Michael Martinez (right) and Master Sgt. Donald Betts listen to welcome home accolades at a celebration Feb. 2. Martinez, of Tampa, and Betts, of Orlando, were deployed to Kosovo for seven months with the 741st Adjutant General (Postal) Company, a U.S. Army Reserve unit based here. (above) Members of 1st Platoon, 741st Adjutant General (Postal) Company pose for a group photo just prior to last year's deployment.

Spec. Sara Peters from Orlando was looking forward to going to Kosovo. "I'm pretty excited," she said. Peters said her employer, Universal Studios, was hesitant at first, but a letter from the commander convinced them of the importance of their support.

In Country

Once their training at Fort Benning was complete, the troops traveled to Germany and then on to Macedonia and Kosovo where they conducted postal operations for the American soldiers deployed there supporting Operation Joint Guardian.

The platoon was divided among three different camps: Camp Bondsteel and Camp Monteith in Kosovo, and Camp Able Sentry in Macedonia. The majority of the platoon was located at Camp Able Sentry.

Each postal platoon is trained to handle mail for up to 36,000 soldiers per day. The platoon handled three million pounds of mail during their deployment, according to Martinez.

"The mission went really well," said Martinez. "There were a few minor conflicts, but having a good working relationship before leaving helped a lot."

Master Sgt. Donald Betts, of Orlando, was one of two soldiers promoted while in Kosovo. He was the acting first sergeant for the postal platoon at Camp Able Sentry and said this was his second deployment. He also spent nine months in Saudi Arabia during the Gulf War.

"Morale was up and down during the deployment," said Betts. "Especially around Christmas. We were originally scheduled to be home before Christmas, but we were delayed until February."

The soldiers weren't sure what they might find once they arrived in Kosovo.

"I was expecting Stonehenge," said Virga. "Some things were hell and some things were fantastic," he said.

"I didn't really expect it to be so nice," said Martinez.

Sgt. First Class Tracey Marshall, of Tampa, was at Camp

Bondsteel. "Living conditions were a lot better on base than what the locals had," said Marshall. "We even had my favorite, crab legs and lobster once a month."

The soldiers did have some rest and relaxation (R&R) time, and spent it in various ways.

Spec. Marsha Debose, of Sanford, enjoyed one of her favorite past-times from home while in Kosovo. "We went shopping in Macedonia," she said.

Marshall and soldiers from other units formed the "Mighty Voices of Praise," and sang at church services on Sundays.

Virga wasn't able to continue his college classes as he was hoping, but he and Martinez were able to take advantage of military courses offered in Kosovo. Both plan on continuing their educational pursuits now that they are home.

Coming Home

The soldiers were welcomed home Feb. 2 by a group of family and friends waiting at the reserve center. The group had grown more anxious as delays at Fort Benning pushed back the arrival time from 1600 to 2100.

The bus arrived, and cheers and applause erupted as one by one, the soldiers stepped off. They were greeted by Lt. Col. Samuel Kramer, deputy commander of the 310th Personnel Group, the higher headquarters of the 741st, and Command Sgt. Maj. Richard Watkins of the 3rd Personnel Command.

Tears of joy and open arms from family and friends amid local media lights were next. Hugs from loved ones that hadn't seen each other in seven months. All were glad to be home.

Overall, the soldiers of 1st Platoon, 741st Adjutant General (Postal) Company came away from the deployment with a different attitude.

"I have a lot more respect for the Army Reserve," said Debose. "We worked hard."

(Sgt. 1st Class Johnson is with the 204th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Orlando, Fla.)

A mission within a mission

DEMIR KAPIJA, Kosovo—During their seven-month deployment to the Balkans, Spec. Candy Sheirer, Spec. Sara Peters, Spec. Kamia Manning, Sgt. Andre Huckoby and other soldiers from the 741st AG (Postal) Company visited several relief agencies helping the less fortunate in Kosovo.

The group organized support for The Special Institute at Demir Kapija that housed physically or mentally handicapped adults and children. The soldiers' concern and involvement grew.

Feeling they could provide more support to the institution, the soldiers came up with an idea to assist the residents. Sheirer and Peters contacted their co-workers at their civilian employment, Walt Disney World and Sears, both located in Orlando, Florida.

These soldiers took the initiative above their normal responsibilities of their military jobs and involved their co-workers from their civilian workplace in an act of humanitarian generosity.

"It went from small to large in about four months," said Sheirer. E-mails to friends and co-workers at home started paying off. Sheirer's co-workers from Disney World donated more than 12,000 pounds of food, clothing, blankets and other items for the institute. Peters coordinated with Sears to donate a pallet of another 3,000 needed items.

The soldiers, however, faced a significant challenge — who was going to ship the 15,000 pounds and could it be completed by mid-November? A humanitarian mission this big required some additional help. There were obstacles like the amount of weight, the type of humanitarian aid to a military installation, customs regulations, funding, storage availability, and expected arrival date.

Sgt. First Class Diana James, the full-time unit training NCO, who is assigned to the 741st as a platoon sergeant, assisted the soldiers in Macedonia. Emails between James in Orlando, the soldiers in Macedonia and several organizations led James to the Mercy Corp International, headquartered in Portland, Oregon and who have an office in Macedonia.

Mercy Corp International transported the 15,000-pound shipment from Orlando, Florida to Macedonia. This shipment took place on November 16 and soldiers assigned to the 1st platoon, 741st were waiting in Macedonia for the donated items to arrive.

When the shipment arrived, the soldiers of the 741st and employees of Mercy Corp International unloaded the shipment and distributed the cargo to The Special Institute at Demir Kapija, and to other institutions like the Missions of Charity (Mother Theresa society) and the Skopje School for the Blind.

(Editor's note: Another shipment was in the works as the 741st returned home on Feb 2. Contributing to this article were the 3rd Personnel Command Public Affairs and Sgt. First Class D. Keith Johnson, 204th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Orlando Fla.

Hard work

7212th MSU provides medical support in Nicaragua

Story and photos by Sgt. Dave Boe

When the 7212th Medical Support Unit (Installation) received its mission for this year's Annual Training, they knew they had their work cut out for them. The unit, based out of Rochester, Minn., spent the last two weeks of May in Bluefields, Nicaragua, providing a variety of medical services for its citizens.

The 35 members of the 7212th had their hands full. More than 5,600 people were seen and treated, as well as over 1,500 cats, dogs, cows, pigs, horses and chickens. "We weren't going to turn anyone away," said Maj. Bob Nicosia, officer in charge of patient flow and administration. "We were kept busy, but we got a lot of support from the host nation."

Capt. William Hays examines an infant as the mother watches. Spec. Henry Welch, examines a patient while on annual training in Blue Field, Nicaragua, as Lt. Col. Frank Marcantonio looks on.

Nicosia said the assistance given by nursing students and teachers from a local school eased language problems and helped him keep the flow of patients moving. About 25-50 people were registered and processed at a time and given quick check-ups. Problems were identified and the appropriate remedies applied. Ointments were given for skin problems, 600 teeth were pulled, and 1,500 pairs of glasses (donated by the Lions Club) were distributed, among other services.

"The patients were then given a prevention class," said Nicosia. "We taught them about boiling water, brushing their teeth and other tips to keep them healthy." A lot of work for the soldiers, but Nicosia said it was worth it. "Personally, it was a wonderful experience," he said.

Nicosia isn't alone. "It was excellent," said Lt. Col. John Maurer, former commander of the 7212th. "We surpassed every expectation we laid out for this mission, because we had good people with a good work ethic."

Maurer, who retired recently after 30 years in the military, said annual training like this are great tools for retention. "It's meaningful, intense training; young people today need to be challenged," he said. "You start sending people to Fort McCoy, or Camp Atterbury, or Camp Ripley every year to stand around and man a treatment facility, they won't stay in."

But working in a country like Nicaragua isn't all about training, it's also a chance to do good and make a difference, said Maurer. "It is extremely important to the people down there, because they don't have access to level one medical care without having to pay for it. With an average income of $400 a year, they just can't afford to go to the doctor unless it's an emergency."

In addition to the medical services, soldiers of the 7212th also handed out over 3,500 pairs of shoes and donated two computers and school supplies to the local university and K-12 school where they had their treatment centers set up, said Maurer.

This is the first time the unit has deployed to Nicaragua. Last year, it trained in Costa Rica, performing the same mission. Maurer said it was a challenge working in the austere, dangerous environment of Nicaragua, adding that it was extremely hot. After two weeks of the muggy heat, though, Maurer said the Minnesota weather was a welcome relief.

"It was nice to feel a cool breeze again," he said.

(Sgt. Boe is with the 364th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Fort Snelling, Minn.)

Life in the fast lane

U.S. Army Golden Knights Photos

(from l-r) Staff Sgt. Michael Herbinko, Sgt. 1st Class Karen Fisher and Sgt. Maj. Richard Horton get their chance to experience "life in the fast lane" during their tandem jump with the Army's Golden Knights.

By Staff Sgt. James Stockdill

Three 104th Division soldiers assigned on Fort Lewis had the chance of a lifetime recently, when they had the honor of sky-diving with the Army's famous Golden Knights parachute team. After a short briefing on in-flight techniques and safety rules, Sgt. 1st Class Karen Fisher and Staff Sgt. Michael Herbinko, from the U.S. Army NCO Academy, donned the famous black and gold flight suits and mentally prepared for the "tandem" ride of their lives. Sgt. Maj. Richard Horton, 12 Battalion, 6th Brigade, had his jump the following day.

Fisher's says her heart was pounding with fear and excitement during the pre-jump flight. She said, "To pass the time and calm my nerves I watched beautiful Mount Rainier in the distance from my window."

Herbinko was concentrating on the fact that he was about to do the one thing he has always wanted to do. Horton was "surprised" at how calm he was, "especially just prior to jumping out of the aircraft." He said, "The Golden Knights exhibited so much confidence about themselves and their equipment that any apprehension that I may have had turned into eagerness to jump."

After what seemed only a few minutes, the aircraft reached a height of 12,500 feet and it was time to jump. As they scooted towards the door and looked out to see what looked like tiny model-like figures on the ground, Fisher said for the most part she remained calm.

"I was calm up until I was sitting in the doorway and the instructor was doing the 'one..two..three' rock." She added, "At that time I knew I had no choice. I had a little sick feeling as soon as we left the plane but the view (Mount Rainer) distracted me from that right away. The scenery was breathtaking." The other soldiers agreed. "Awesome" said Herbinko. "Fantastic" said Horton.

Once out the door the soldiers were free falling at over 120 miles an hour! They remained in the freefall for approximately one minute. Then at a height of about 4,500 feet their Golden Knights jumpmaster pulled their ripcord. The soldiers went from over 120mph to 35mph in three seconds.

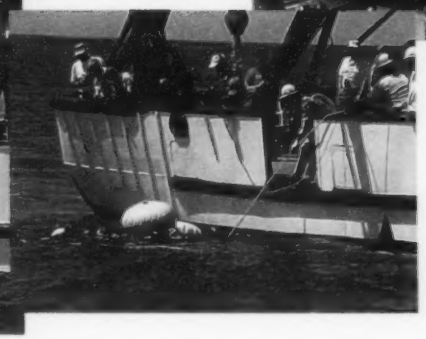
"When the chute deployed and stopped the freefall, all noise and wind suddenly ceased and the descent turned into the most calming and relaxing thing you can imagine," said Horton.

Fisher's tandem instructor, Sgt. 1st Class Ken Brown, let her "steer" for a few seconds. She said, "I yanked too hard on the toggles and we started to corkscrew."

Everyone agreed that the scariest part of his or her experience was the landing. Herbinko said his jump "was a rush." Fisher was ready to go again.

Horton said, "I have always believed that you can do anything in the Army with the right kind of training and leadership. You can accomplish anything when you are led by professional noncommissioned officers who are well trained and confident in what they do." He added, "The Golden Knights definitely exhibited that professional Noncommissioned Officer leadership and skill that makes our NCO Corps the best in the world."

Boat unit sails to preserve pirate history



(clockwise from right) The LCU 1674-St. Mihiel approaches the Morehead City high rise-bridge. Chief Warrant Officer 3 Leeman Daw looks ahead as he prepares to guide the St. Mihiel through the bridge spans. Divers guide the airbags holding Baby Ruth (II) into position so the Research Vessel Dan Moore can lift it to her deck. Crew from the Dan Moore hoist Baby Ruth (II) from her watery grave.

By Chief Warrant Officer 2 Norman Kent

ATLANTIC BEACH, N.C.—Blackbeard's Ghost wasn't seen but his spirit could be felt as the Army LCU 1674 "St. Mihiel" sailed in support of the Queen Anne's Revenge project.

Skippered by Chief Warrant Officer 3 Leeman Daw, an Army Reservist, the St. Mihiel and her crew transported 61 media, locals, and government officials to witness the recovery of a pair of 18th century cannons from the ocean floor. The shipwreck site believed to be that of Blackbeard's Queen Anne's Revenge is located near Beaufor Inlet approximately one mile south of Atlantic Beach, NC. Based on available records from the 1700's, it is believed that the infamous pirate "Blackbeard," grounded the Queen Anne's Revenge while attempting to flee British authorities.

Before becoming the Queen Anne's Revenge, the 18th century sailing ship was a French slave vessel known as the Concorde. In 1717, Blackbeard and his men captured the slave ship and made it their own.

Thanks to Mr. Mark Wilde-Ramsing, director for the Queen Anne's Revenge project, the 824th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat) out of Morehead City, N.C., received the invitation to participate in this once-in-a-life-time event of seeing 18th century history raised to the daylight of the 21st century. With approval from higher headquarters, the 824th was able to demonstrate to the local community as well as to state government officials that Army Reserve watercraft units are a welcomed and necessary resource.

At the shipwreck site, the St. Mihiel gave her guests front row seats for a perfect viewing. As the yellow airbags carrying the encrusted almost unrecognizable cannons broke the ocean's surface, the ships' horns began to blare. Within thirty minutes the divers had guided the airbags to the Research Vessel (RV) Dan Moore so the cannons could be hoisted out of the water and carefully placed on the Dan Moore's deck.

The St. Mihiel, her crew, and guests continued to look in awe at the set of 18th century cannons named Baby Ruth (II); it was called this because the centuries of crustaceans gave it an appearance similar to the popular candy bar. With the successful rising of the 18th century cannons complete, the Research Vessel Dan Moore and the St. Mihiel safely transported their cargo and guests back to the docks of the North Carolina Marine Fisheries in Morehead City, N.C.

Even though the entire mission only lasted four to five hours, it was a profitable one. During the transport to and from the shipwreck site, Mr. Daw and his crew were able to answer questions posed by their 61 guests. Many were amazed to know that the Army was in the business of sailing boats. Further proof that the watercraft field is still one the army's best-kept secrets.

If you'd like to know what it takes to sail with the army, visit http://www.eustis.army.mil/OCOT/marine.htm.

(Chief Warrant Officer 2 Kent is the Public Relations Officer with the 824th Transportation Company (Heavy Boat), Moorehead City, N.C.)

Training

'Working on the railroad'

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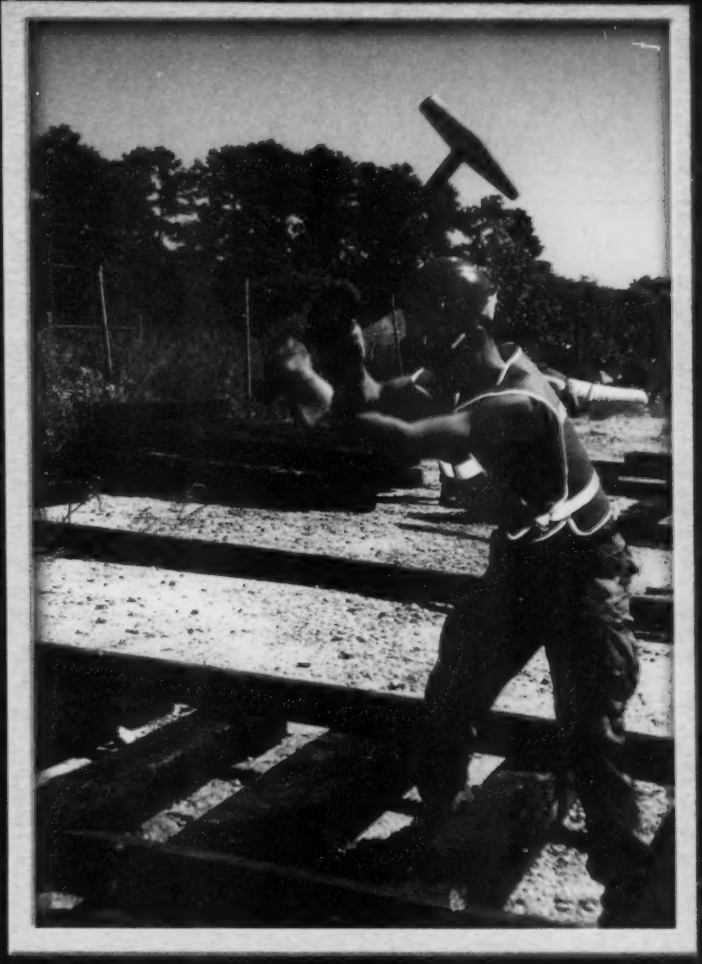

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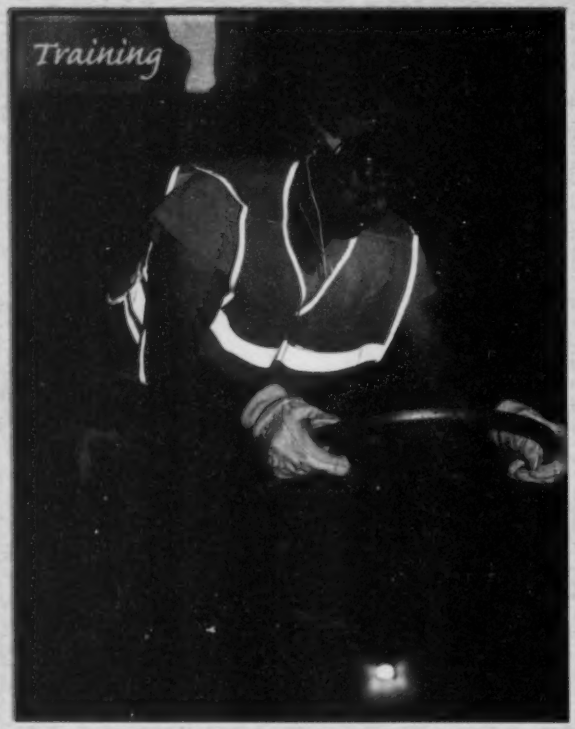

(clockwise from left) Sgt. William Walker, 1205th Transportation Battalion, Sunny Point, N.C. turns a wheel to release a rail car during night training for railway operations crewmembers at Fort Eustis, Va. Spc. John Bean, a rail operations crewmember student the 1205th, signals his locomotive engineer to slow down. Sgt. 1st Class Gary Kusy instructs Spc. Ned Wilson in the use of a cutting torch, a tool that Wilson will need occasionally as a railway equipment repairer in the Army Reserve. Kusy is the senior instructor for the railway equipment repair course operated by 8th Battalion, 84th Regiment, 4th Brigade or the Army Reserve's 84th Division (Institutional Training). Wilson is a member of the 1150th Transportation Company, Lincolnwood, Ill., one of the few rail transportation units in the Army. Students of the Army Reserve's 84th Division (Institutional Training) use hand signals to communicate movement instructions for the safe operation of a locomotive in the rail yard at Fort Eustis.

For Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Montague Martin it was time to assign a project. He had a list of four rail cars that were scattered in the yard.

"I want the four cars in this order," he said as he handed a slip of paper to one of his railroad operations crewmembers in training. "How are they right now? I have no idea, but they are not in that order."

As his soldiers set off on foot to find the numbered cars on the list, Martin shouted gleefully, "We gonna start switchin' some cars now!"

In a quieter tone, Martin confided, "As a little boy, I never thought I'd be around trains. But, after 18 years in the military, this is the job that I fell into and I like it," he said.

Martin, of Waukegan, Ill., is one of the instructors in the 8th Battalion, 84th Regiment of the 4th Brigade of the Army Reserve's 84th Division (Institutional Training). He's part of a close-knit military-civilian brotherhood that offers unique training that keeps Army Reserve students coming back for more.

Teaching soldiers

Instructors from 8th Battalion, 84th Regiment, Fort Sheridan, Ill., teach soldiers how to run a railroad. Students in their military occupational specialty qualification training become railway operations crewmembers (MOS 88U), railway equipment repairers (MOS 88P), and railway section repairers (MOS 88T).

Even though rail transport has been vital for major deployments such as Desert Storm and peacekeeping operations in the Balkans, "rail in the U.S. Army is kind of a forgotten thing," according to Master Sgt. Tim Traub, MOS qualification course manager.

Only two Army Reserve battalions provide the soldiers to operate and repair Army trains and repair the tracks they run on; whenever and wherever necessary.

"And we're the only ones that train them," said Traub, a veteran military railroader of both Desert Storm and Balkan peacekeeping.

While Traub is a salesman for a printing company in civilian life, Staff Sgt. Vernon Archiquette, primary trainer for railway operations crewmembers, operates a Union Pacific freight train between Milwaukee and central Wisconsin.

Both Archiquette and Traub were members of the 757th Transportation Battalion when the 84th Division began in 1998 to offer railway MOS training and needed instructors.

A railway operations crewmember signals to a locomotive in the Fort Eustis rail yard at twilight. Master Sgt. Tim Traub, course manager for the railway MOS qualification course, watches the training closely.

"I love teaching," said Archiquette, whose Army Reserve railroad job had led to his civilian job. A railcar repairman with the 757th in 1992, "it seemed kind of natural to go for a similar job in the civilian world."

When he and some other 757th soldiers applied for jobs with what was then the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad, they were hired on the spot and told, "You worked with rail before and know the lousy schedule. You'd be a great fit," according to Archiquette.

In demand

The formal railway training offered by the 84th was created to facilitate reclassification for the in-demand MOS category and give internal unit training a strong start.

It includes either four or six inactive duty training weekends for Phase 1 and two weeks of intensive resident training for Phase 2. Phase 1 occurs at rail battalion training sites in Sunny Point, N.C., Middletown, Conn., and Milwaukee. Phase 2 is at the Army's transportation school at Fort Eustis, Va.

While the Phase 1 sites allow locomotives to travel no more than 10 miles per hour where facilities are available, the Fort Eustis site has track allowing speeds up to 35 miles per hour. It also has lab facilities for diesel and electrical study and enough track for track repairers to learn their jobs.

The course is an apparent success, attracting more than 100 students over its three years. Phase 2 students at Fort Eustis in late July and early August included privates first class through master sergeants.

"Many students say it's the best training they ever had in the military," said Traub. "We get repeat customers. Students come back to take the second and third MOS. It's good for them and it's good for us," he said. "It creates more well-rounded soldiers who enjoy more position and promotion opportunities."

As with Archiquette, the opportunities extend to the civilian world. "They can get a job on the railroad at the drop of a hat," said Traub. The training can be a stepping-stone to obtain Federal Railroad Administration certification as a railroad engineer.

Boyhood dream

Staff Sgt. Scott Howlett of the 757th Transportation Battalion's 1150th Transportation Company, Lincolnwood, Ill. was a student of Archiquette's in 2000 and returned in 2001 as an assistant instructor with plans to join the 84th Division. A diesel mechanic for a Chicago suburban bus company, he had train sets as a boy and now "I'd like to do it full time like Archie."

"I always wanted to operate a train when I was a kid," said Spc. Dave Wiersma of the 1152nd Transportation Company, Milwaukee, Wis. "My grandfather was an engineer."

Master Sgt. William Sedgewick, who drills with a 1205th Transportation Battalion detachment at Blue Grass Army Depot, Ky., has been an Army intelligence analyst and is a civilian technical writer. "I ride a computer all the time. I'd rather do this," he said during a break from laying railroad tracks on a hot Fort Eustis afternoon. "It's more fun."

Also moving track was Sgt. Jodi Kanitz of the 1152nd Transportation Company, Milwaukee. Already a qualified railway operations crewmember, she was training to be a railway section repairer. "Next year I want to try Papa (MOS 88P)."

The "Papas" learn to repair rail cars and locomotives,

which at 120 tons weigh more than battle tanks. They are responsible for repairing wheel sets, brake systems, electrical systems and diesel engines, "everything that touches the rail to the top of the smoke stack," according to Sgt. 1st Class Gary Kusy, Milwaukee, of the 8th Battalion, 84th Regiment, primary instructor for the railway equipment repairer course, who's a millwright in his civilian job. They must know parts of both the 88U and 88T MOS skills to perform well, he said.

They also need to use frogs (ramps), cranes, 35-ton jacks and forklifts to get the rolling stock back on the tracks after a derailment. A common reason for derailments is an improperly set switch along the tracks. "The Uniforms are good job security," said Kusy.

"The instructors are great." said Sgt. William Walker, an 88U student and a member of the 1205th Battalion from Burgaw, N.C., echoing the sentiments of other students.

"Bill White's the name. Trains the name of the game," is the greeting used by Sgt. 1st Class William White who performs rail maintenance as a civilian at the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point, N.C. He helped with railway repairer instruction for Phase 2 at Fort Eustis. "I loved trains when I was a kid and still love 'em now," he said.

Making a difference

"You have to care and have to want to make a difference," according to Traub. "You have to have a passion for what you do."

"We're willing to bend over backwards" to help individual students, said Kusy. "We have instructors that actually come in on their own time and help individual students and not get paid for it."

"I want the students to be able to go into those hot missions and be useful to their company," said Archiquette.

(Master Sgt. Borth is with the 84th Division (IT) Public Affairs Office, Milwaukee, Wis.)

Veterinary teams provide service in remote area

Story and photos by Spc. Tom Grayson

KOTLIK, Alaska—Frigid winds sweep east from the Bering Sea, blowing through a village is as common to Alaska as it is unique to the rest of the United States.

While Mother Nature served up 40-mph winds and 40-below temperatures, a CH-47 helicopter delivered Arctic Care 2001, a military veterinary team, which included Army Reservists, that provided service to the remotest parts of the 49th state, earlier this year.

Accompanying the team on the 4th Battalion, 123rd Aviation Regiment's Chinook is Alexi Michaels, a Yupik Indian acting as translator and middleman to the Kotlik tribe. Peering through the aircraft's window, three soldiers saw miles of ice-covered landscape and skies ready to dump snow at any moment.

Upon landing, the team was immediately greeted by a population not slowed by routine blizzard-like conditions. For centuries in the Alaskan Bush, dog sleds were the main means of transportation. As a result, dogs in these parts are not simply household pets, but working members of the household. With arctic fox and wolves preying, the threat of canine disease to these dogs is high.

"The veterinarian teams went out and vaccinated dogs against rabies, distemper, and de-wormed dogs," said

Navy Cmdr. Michael Kieffer, U.S. Public Health Services. "We were able to vaccinate over 3,000 dogs."

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MOUT training

Training takes MPs to new level of readiness

(l-r) An 88th Regional Support Command soldier checks for danger during Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Training at Fort Knox, Ky. Military Police control a soldier role playing as an enemy soldier during training. (above) other MPs control a mock-prisoner, tackling him to the ground.

Story and photos by Spc. Chris Putman

Practice makes perfect. That's the conventional thinking for training scenarios and although they can never cover all of the situations you may see, the Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) site at Fort Knox, KY, is as good a good place to start.

The combined units of the 342nd Military Police Company, 447th Military Police Company, and 391st Headquarters, Headquarters Company, spent a weekend recently training for hostile environments at "Doom City" as the MOUT site is called. The training involved medical evacuation (medevac), forced entry, room clearing and mounted escort.

"It will help out in the long run because nothing is better than hands-on training," said Pvt. Jesse McPherson of the 342nd MP Co. "Everything is so organized and the instructors are great."

Training started with walking through the scenarios with the speed picking up each time. By the end of the weekend the training was being played out at full speed complete with pyrotechnics and hostile demonstrators.

"We had some good hostile demonstrator exercises," said Maj. Mark Arnold, commander of the 391st MP Bn. "Our troops had to deal with the hostile environments that they could face."

Arnold had the unique experience of playing two roles during the weekend. At one point, Arnold acted as a hostile demonstrator, giving him a different view of his troops' training.

The training was a refresher for some.

"It re-emphasizes the training the we have already

(left) 88th Regional Support Command soldiers take cover in "Doom City" during Military Operations in Urban Terrain (MOUT) Training at Fort Knox, Ky. (above) Soldiers race for cover in "Doom City" during a portion of their training.

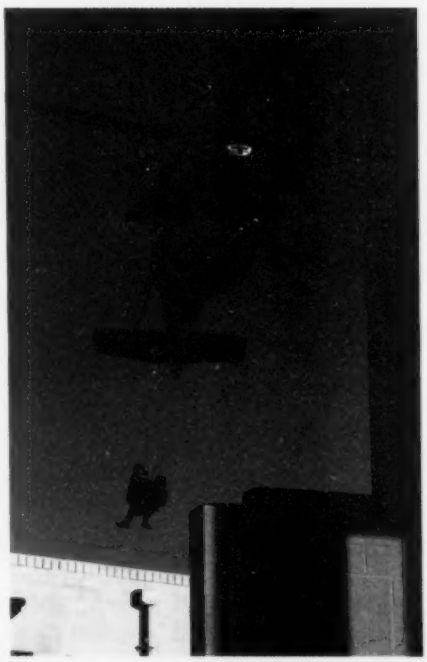
had," said Sgt Daniel Smith, 447th MP Co. "In case we get called to work at a civil disturbance this will help us work as a team."

Teamwork was stressed throughout the weekend in each training scenario. In room clearing exercises teams moved through each structure, clearing it room by room while watching out for each other. At the Embassy building in the compound it was teamwork and vigilance that kept the area secure.

Vigilance includes reacting to and stopping trouble before it begins.

"This will make us better oriented as to what could happen and how to react," said Smith. "It will help us pick out disturbance leaders and get them out of the crowd before things get out of control."

With support from the UH-60As of the 57th Medical from Fort Bragg, N.C., medevac, training was carried out with several soldiers getting a ride around the area. The helicopters were also used in snatch and grab, and extraction exercises.



Soldiers are lifted to safety from "Doom City" during the MOUT training.

The soldiers undergoing training were treated to some very realistic training. The MOUT site is run from a central control tower with the ability to change sounds using an intricate sound system. Also controlled from the tower are pyrotechnics, including flames and explosions. Video cameras throughout the compound record the troops training for further review.

All of this combined prepares troops for the future and increases the readiness level.

"I think that with this kind of training we are taking this battalion to a new level of readiness," said Arnold.

(Spc. Putman is with the 367th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Whitehall, Ohio)

MPs Hone enemy POW interment skills

By Capt. Stacey Martin

Spc. Jason Dyckman from the 800th Military Police Brigade's S-2 (Intelligence) keeps a close eye on "enemy" movement near one of the unit's "enemy prisoner of war" camps during SIMEX '01. Sgt. Garnett Hibbert of the 800th Military Police Brigade, Uniondale, NY, performs a "commo check."

UNIONDALE, N.Y.—Using the train-as-you-fight philosophy, more than 300 soldiers from the 800th Military Police (MP) Brigade descended on Fort Dix, N.J., for a simulation exercise (SIMEX).

The June exercise provided the brigade commander, Brig. Gen. Paul Hill and the soldiers the opportunity to train with eight subordinate units that the brigade would likely have command and control of during a deployment. Units such as the 367th MP Group from Ashley, Pa., whose units include the 320th MP Battalion (Bn.), 324th MP Bn. and the 744th MP Bn. Another battalion was the 535th MP Bn. from Raleigh, N.C.

Also participating in the exercise were the 800th's 306th and 310th MP Battalions, commanded by Lt. Col. Ted Blach and Lt. Col. John Cornelius, and the 455th and 343d Brigade Liaison Detachments (BLDs), commanded by Lt. Col. Richard Hyman and Lt. Col. Vincent Montera.

The SIMEX allowed the 800th's Headquarters & Headquarters Company (HHC) staff and subordinate units to iron out authentic issues that could arise during Enemy Prisoner of War (EPW) operations in a number of areas including personnel accounting; logistical support such as communication; supply and transportation; intelligence gathering; host nation issues; and future operations. Brig. Gen. Hill also relied on the brigade chaplain and staff judge advocate to keep him abreast of issues concerning the operation.

SIMEX 2001 allowed the leadership of the participating units to rehearse with the assistance of the 78th Training Division, who "injected" scenarios into the play, to which participants had to react. This exercise was a precursor to Gold Sword '02, a full-scale, 6,000-soldier, boots-on-the-ground exercise to be held at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. and Fort Dix next summer.

There, several EPW camps will be constructed and soldiers will be put through challenging scenarios complete with prisoner role-play by opposing forces (OPFOR). The camps will offer subsistence, shelter, medical care, religious freedom, life support and segregation to Allied-captured prisoners, all of which are provided for by the Geneva Conventions agreement. Also part of the 800th MP Brigade's mission is the care and control of U.S. military prisoners.

Spc. LeShawn Earl was assigned to the S-2/Intelligence section for the exercise. "I learned a lot about using maps. I was able to apply what I learned in basic training to a real-world scenario."

Spc. Erlyn Santos says he was able to adjust to the field environment despite inclement weather. For the SIMEX, Santos was assigned to control the tactical operation center (TOC) access. He expects that for Gold Sword '02, he will be assigned to a Judge Advocate General officer to conduct tribunals. Santos is assigned to the Staff Judge Advocate section at the 800th.

The SIMEX also served as a training opportunity for the brigade mess staff to construct their mobile kitchen trailer, in which they fed two hot meals a day to several hundred soldiers conducting the exercise. Sgt. 1st Class Lisa McRae was charged with feeding the brigade, as well as the outlying battalions and companies. She notes that for some in her section, the SIMEX provided their first field experience. According to Master Sgt. Wilton Beamer, NCOIC of the brigade mess team, he and his soldiers will be responsible for overseeing field sanitation at all the mess sites at the EPW camps during Gold Sword '02.

Following the 36-hour exercise, the brigade staff, battalion staff members, and training division personnel conducted an extensive after-action review.

"I am so pleased with the quality of work that went into the planning and execution of the SIMEX," commented Hill. "I commend the units for showing progress from last year's SIMEX. The 800th is driving forward, and by Gold Sword '02, I expect to be fully prepared." Brig. Gen. Hill added that he recognizes that mistakes will be made during training, and expects soldiers to learn from those mistakes.

At the conclusion of the exercise, all EPWs were successfully repatriated, and the 800th had completed the assigned mission with tenacity, integrity and professionalism. "I couldn't ask for anything more," noted Hill.

(Capt. Martin is with the 800th Military Police Brigade (EPW), Uniondale, N.Y.)

Plying the tools of their trade

412th Engineers perform METL in Europe

Story and photos by Michael Tolzmann

GRAFENWOEHR AND HOHENFELS TRAINING AREAS, Germany–With bulldozers roaring, fresh cement splashing and cranes lifting large metal arches into place, Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels training areas at times looks like a construction site found anywhere in the United States. Men and women hurriedly move about with plastic hard hats on their heads and with tools of the trade in their hands, as many of them do 40 or more hours per week back home. Here these workers don't wear bib-overalls, brown boots and muscle shirts, even though it could be their usual wear – they wear the uniforms of a U.S. Army soldier.

Through a program managed by U.S. Army Europe's (USAREUR) Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer, and with the 412th Engineer Command working as the executive agent, reserve component soldiers are bringing their civilian occupational skills to Europe for two or three weeks at a shot, and leaving erected proof of what soldiers with resources, skill and ambition can do.

Tank trails, upgrading weapons ranges, troop buildings, physical fitness courses, soccer fields, storage facilities, roads and drainage, and protective berms are all typical projects built by reserve component soldiers at Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels.

"These soldiers are not out painting buildings or constructing sidewalks … the work they do is very substantial," said Maj. Dwight Futrell, Reserve Component Troop Construction Liaison to the 100th Area Support Group.

It takes more than 2,200 reserve component soldiers making their way to Europe annually under a USAREUR wide project named the Troop Construction Training Program, to help complete the plethora of projects waiting. USAREUR active-duty soldiers also do their fair share of the program's work, but it is the reservists who complete the majority of the projects. It's the 100th Area Support Group – Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels specifically – where more than 75 percent of the reserve-component construction is completed under this program.

Maj. Gen. Richard E. Coleman, Commander, 412th Engineer Command, said the program is of good value to both USAREUR and the reserve-component units. The reserve units learn to deploy and practice good Mission

(left) Maj. Rex Williams (left), and Capt. Chris Gilbert, Troop Construction Training Program Planning draftsmen, look over a detailed map of Grafenwoehr Training Area. Projects are developed on the drawing board long before soldiers physically begin construction. Williams and Gilbert are members of Headquarters Company, 30th Engineer Brigade (TA), North Carolina Army National Guard, Charlotte, N.C. (center) Staff Sgt. James Veach (left) and Spc. Adam Gebhart, members of the 389th Engineer Battalion, based in Iowa City, Iowa, take surveying readings at Grafenwoehr Training Area, prior to the start of a construction project. (right) At Hohenfels Training Area's Military Operations on Urbanized Terrain site number 2, or commonly known as village Übungsdorf (translated from German meaning training village), soldiers of the 225th Engineer Group, headquartered at Camp Beauregard, Pineville, La., build an additional building to the combat training site.

Essential Task List training by working on construction missions like what they'd do during wartime.

"Construction projects are completed for less cost using troop construction versus contracted construction – USAREUR doesn't have to pay the salary of the reserve troops doing the work," Coleman said.

"Working in a different country, with different materials, and building to different specs than what we find in the U.S. is really a good training experience for these soldiers. It makes them all more well versed in their engineer capabilities," said rotation first sergeant, 1st Sgt. Fred Cole, 225th Engineer Group, Camp Beauregard, Pineville, La.

"The quality of work we find from these reserve engineer soldiers is absolutely great. Some of these soldiers have a lot of engineering experience and do it all the time in their civilian careers. I've met a few who even own their own construction companies. I think they enjoy learning the German construction ways too," said Staff Sgt. Rowan Dunnaway, Troop Construction Training Program, NCOIC, Hohenfels.

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end to the Cold War, the "pure construction" active-duty engineer presence has diminished in USAREUR. In the wake of the troop draw down since 1992, the 412th Engineer Command has helped fill the construction vacuum by coordinating the deployment of reservists into theater to complete needed projects.

"Both the United States Army Reserve and the Army National Guard engineer units maximize every opportunity to train at the 7th Army Training Center in both Grafenwoehr and Hohenfels. The 7th ATC is considered by most of the reserve units as one of the best places to train in the world. Reserve-component units deploy here under the Overseas Deployment Training Program," said Sgt. Maj. Butch Darras, 7th ATC, Army National Guard Senior Enlisted Advisor.

On any given day throughout the summer season, 150 or more reserve-component soldiers can be found pouring concrete or moving mounds of earth at Grafenwoehr or Hohenfels Training Areas.

"It's a proven program that employs U.S. based reserve-component engineers and USAREUR based elements of the 130th Engineer Brigade to complete construction projects. The program contributes to improved infrastructure throughout the command, resulting in significant savings. Troop construction projects historically result in cost savings of between 30 to 50 percent, as compared to contracted projects of similar scope. Using active- and reserve-component engineers stretches our limited resources to maximize our ability to train soldiers, while simultaneously improving our training areas, installations and communities," said Brig. Gen. Don T. Riley, Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer.

During fiscal year 2000, more than 3,200 engineer soldiers – active and reserve combined – executed 116 construction projects in thirteen separate USAREUR communities.

"We're a matchmaker at the 412th ... we look at the projects requested and match them up with the right type of reserve component unit. We can provide more soldiers and more units than what the active-component soldiers here in country can do. The active soldiers here are actively engaged year round. This is simply a matter of numbers. We can surge more reserve-component soldiers into theater than what exists here, so we end up doing more projects," Coleman said.

"The senior leadership here in Europe has been very supportive of the reserve-component engineers that do come into theater to participate in the Troop Construction Training Program. I think they see the value – it's a win-win situation – and we're just very pleased to be a part of it," Coleman added.

In America's "Total Army," active, guard, and reserve soldiers are equally dedicated to defending freedom and democracy. In USAREUR, guard and reserve soldiers are effectively filling voids left from the end of the cold war and doing so with a top hat they may also wear back home.

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Golden Thunder

Active, Reserve and National Guard unite for joint exercise

Story and photos by Sgt. 1st Class D. Keith Johnson

RAPID CITY, S.D.—It was a massing of troops as more than 6,500 soldiers converged on the Custer State Park here and in Camp Guernsey, Wyoming, for exercise Golden Thunder. The joint exercise included active, Reserve and National Guard soldiers from 17 separate states and 75 units.

The increasing trend of active, reserve and guard soldiers training together reinforces the concept of The Army.

"There are no Reserves," said Gen. John W. Hendrix, commander of U.S. Forces Command, during a tour of the units at Golden Thunder. "Our reserve forces are deploying in day-to-day operations all over the world," he said.

Twenty-one Army Reserve units provided a variety of support roles including chemical, engineer, postal, chaplain and transportation for the National Guard maneuver forces.

The 472nd Chemical Battalion, from Chicago, participated in several missions at both the South Dakota and Wyoming locations. Four decontamination and eight smoke missions were performed at Custer State Park by the battalion and its subordinate units.

"It was a good opportunity to train with a variety of units," said Lt. Col. William Humphries. Humphries, from Indianapolis, is the 472nd battalion commander.

Spc. Michael Beer, a member of the 378th Chemical Company agreed. "We had really good missions," he said. "There was always something going on." Beer, from Leroy, Ill., is a chemical and smoke specialist. The 378th is a reserve unit from Urbana, Ill.

The 52nd Engineer Battalion, headquartered at Ft. Carson, Colo., performed road improvements, repaired bridges and made improvements to the Boy Scout camp at Custer State Park. The 52nd is a tri-component battalion, with the headquarters and 'A' companies active component units from Ft. Carson, 'B' company is an Oregon National Guard unit, and 'C' company is an

(l-r) Members of the 323rd Chemical Company scrub chemicals off of a Wyoming National Guard vehicle going through a thorough a decontamination station during exercise. The 323rd is an Army Reserve unit from Sioux Falls, S.D. Spc. David Hodgson, a chemical and smoke specialist from Mankato, Minn., uses an M256 Detector Kit to test for chemical vapors inside his vehicle. Hodgson is with the 323rd. Sgt. Misti Mokros directs a Wyoming National Guard vehicle into a decon station. Mokros, from Sioux Falls, S.D., is a chemical and smoke specialist with the 323rd. Spc. Matthew Pederson rolls up the hood of Spc. Jermaine Huggins. Pederson, from Sioux Falls, S.D., is a reservist with the 323rd Chemical Company. Huggins, from Laramie, Wy., is a guardsman with the 133rd Engineer Company. Spc. Derick Pellicotte chops ingredients for an evening meal. Pellicotte, from Sioux Falls, S.D., is a cook with the 323rd Chemical Company.

Army Reserve unit from Albuquerque, N.M.

At Camp Guernsey, the 342nd and the 323rd Chemical Companies stayed busy with their missions, and with a visit from VIPs.

Lt. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, Chief of the Army Reserve, briefly visited each Army Reserve unit at Camp Guernsey and Custer State Park.

The 342nd, from Chicago, provided smoke coverage during "Super Day", a Multiple Launch Rocket System field artillery live fire exercise. The weather didn't cooperate, with 30 mile per hour winds causing a quicker dispersion that what was hoped for.

The 323rd, from Sioux Falls, S.D., performed several smoke missions, as well as setting up a thorough decontamination station for vehicles and personnel. A Wyoming National Guard engineer unit provided the vehicles and soldiers for decontamination.

Spc. Chris Christianson said of the decontamination station, "it was a good experience for the new guys." Christianson, from Sioux Falls, is a chemical and smoke specialist with the 323rd.

Chemical platoon leader Sgt. First Class Robert Rieger agreed. "We usually do operational decon. This went real well," he said. Rieger, from Sioux Falls, added, "the young troops learned a lot."

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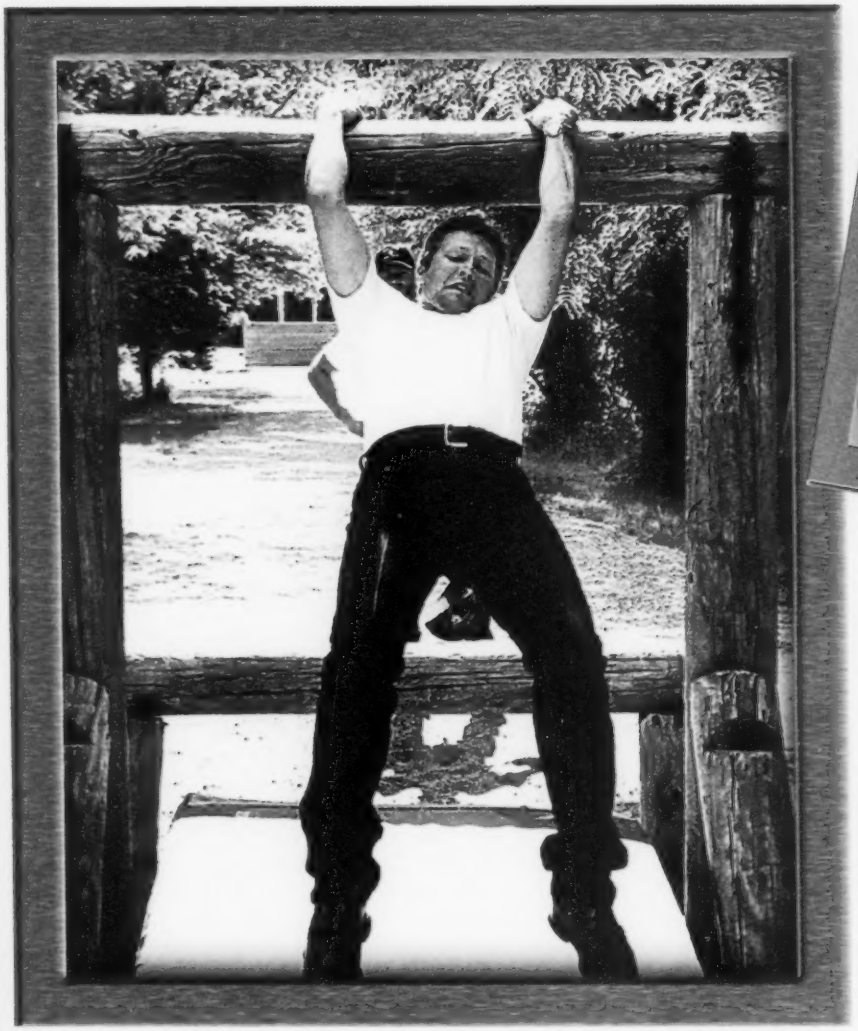
Craig Morgan

From country boy to soldier boy in one leap



Craig Morgan works his way through one of the obstacles at the Air Assault School located at Fort Campbell, Ky.

Story and photos by Lee Elder

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky.—If all the world's a stage and the sky's the limit, country singer Craig Morgan's stage has no limit. He proved this when he literally took a leap of faith to enlist in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Morgan picked a spectacular style to retain his status as an Army Reservist. He re-enlisted June 20th following a tandem

(above) Lt. Col. J. Kirk Burton, commander of the Nashville U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion, enlists Craig Morgan into the U.S. Army Reserve following Morgan's tandem jump with the Golden Knights. (below) Morgan takes off his gear after his jump.

jump with members of the Army's Golden Knights' parachute team at Fort Campbell, Ky. That leap of faith launches his part-time career with the Nashville-based 861st Quartermaster Company (Air Equipment Repair and Supply) while continuing a music career that has spawned hits like "Something to Write Home About" and the autobiographical "Paradise."

Morgan raised his hand to take his oath of enlistment after falling 14,000 feet attached to a member of the Golden Knights' tandem team. Once on the ground, he was sworn in by Lt. Col. J. Kirk Burton who commands the Nashville U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion. He was then officially welcomed to the unit by its commander 1st Lt. Harold Turks who presented Morgan with the unit's maroon beret.

"I'm real proud of the Army," Morgan said. "That's why I'm back."

Morgan served more than 10 years in the Army and earned the rank of staff sergeant before leaving active duty in 1996 to pursue a musical career. A field artillery fire support specialist by trade, he served at Fort Bragg, NC; Fort Polk, La.; and in Korea along with two tours at Fort Campbell.

One of his defining moments in uniform occurred in 1990, when he served in Operation Just Cause during the conflict to overthrow Panamanian dictator Manual Noriega. He wrote about his experiences in the song, "Paradise,"

which became the second single off of his self-titled debut album last year.

Morgan performed an acoustic version of the song after his jump while he ate lunch with members of the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) Division Artillery. Some of the soldiers sang along with Morgan during the cadence that opens the song.

"Panama was probably fine but it was nothing like Tennessee," Morgan sang. "I never thought the day would come when I might have to kill a man. I did not sleep a wink that night but we won for Uncle Sam."

"The military has played such a big part in my life," Morgan said later. "I'm really proud to be in this new unit.

"I got to go by and spend a little bit of time with them and check out their facilities. Their facility is actually better than the one they have here at Fort Campbell."

Morgan, who is jumpmaster qualified, will continue to serve as a staff sergeant and will be trained as an automated supply specialist, according to the unit's administrator, Ava Vaughn. He will continue to serve as a staff sergeant, the rank he held when he left active duty five years ago. As a citizen-soldier, Morgan will continue with his music career.

"It looks like I'm going to have to cut my hair," Morgan said as he left the drop zone.

For his part, Burton said he was pleased to put the finishing touch on Morgan's return to the Army.

"We're here to put good people in the Regular Army and Army Reserve," Burton said. "I'm delighted to help bring Craig back into the Army family.

"Craig is a textbook case of how a young person can take what he learns in the Army and successfully apply it to any facet of civilian life."

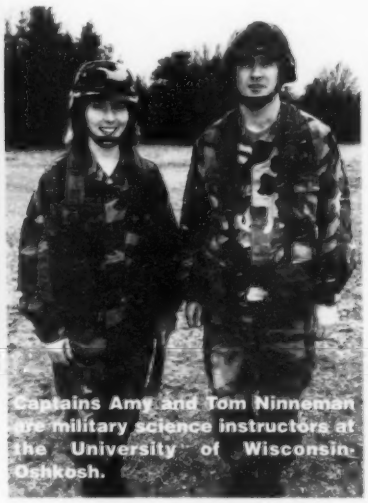
Morgan is working on his second album. He hopes to have it out in the fall.

(Mr. Elder is with the Nashville U.S. Army Recruiting Battalion Public Affairs Office, Nashville, Tenn.)

New ROTC brigade family affair

By Sgt. 1st Class Vern Borth

Captains Dragomir (l) and Sava Marinkovich (r) during a field training exercise for Marquette University and University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee ROTC cadets at Fort McCoy, Wisc.



Captains Amy and Tom Ninneman are military science instructors at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

MILWAUKEE—If you call for Captain Marinkovich or Captain Ninneman, make sure you use a first name. In the Army Reserve's 8th Reserve Officer Training Corps Brigade, which is part of Milwaukee's 84th Division (Institutional Training), there are two of each.

Dragomir and Sava Marinkovich are brothers. They train military science cadets of the Golden Eagle Battalion at Marquette University in Milwaukee.

Tom and Amy Ninneman are husband and wife. Both teach military science to cadets of the Fox Valley Senior ROTC Battalion at the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

The brigade, after being provisional for three years, will have official status as a partner with the active-duty force in training ROTC cadets in the Midwest in October. The Reserve instructors generally teach four hours of classes each week in lieu of monthly weekend drills.

The brothers

Chicago natives, the Marinkovich brothers also share similar degrees. Dragomir, 38, who is webmaster for the military science program at Marquette, has bachelor's and master's degrees in mechanical engineering. He is chief engineer for Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp. He joined the Army Reserve in 1989. Sava, 29, a 1993 graduate of West Point, has a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and teaches juniors in the ROTC program. He is scheduled to leave for Harvard in fall to study for a master's degree in business administration, expecting to continue working with cadets at Boston College.

When Sava recently left active duty with the Army, "my brother talked a lot about the ROTC program and I thought it was great," he said.

A former company commander in the Army Reserve's 961st Engineer Battalion in Milwaukee, Dragomir noted the flexibility of ROTC duty and the ability to interact with active duty ROTC instructors. "For me it offers an extra dimension." He can relate to students because of his extensive educational background, he said.

For Sava, the ROTC duty feels like a continuation of his

active duty efforts as an artillery battery commander to develop young soldiers. "I see the students as future lieutenants and, in that perspective, it makes it easy to be with them and motivate them and inspire them to be future leaders."

And, for the time that Sava occupies a bedroom in his brother's family's house, "I can go in his bag and get anything I want," said Dragomir, and "I can borrow his uniform," said Sava.

The Ninnemans

When Amy Ninneman is not assisting with a training exercise at Fort McCoy, Wis. or training ROTC cadets, she is a full-time mother for the couple's three children. Tom is production manager for Oshkosh Truck Corporation in Oshkosh.

They both are products of the ROTC program at the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Ind., where they met. While they were on active Army duty at Fort Sill, Okla., they married in 1992. She was in medical services and he was in the field artillery. They left active duty in 1997.

When the 8th Brigade was formed in 1998, they interviewed for positions and were accepted as assistant professors of military science.

"We had a great ROTC experience at Notre Dame," said Tom. "This is a neat opportunity for us to get back to that."

"My experience in ROTC was so great that I would like to recreate that for the cadets," said Amy.

(Sgt. 1st Class Borth is with the 84th Division Public Affairs Office)

All in the family: Son re-enlists mom, wife

Story and photo by Lynne Schaack

Reenlistment plans were uncertain until the family gathered at Thanksgiving to celebrate their blessings.

This reenlistment would be different. It would be special, and it would be remembered always. Soldiers and civilians were filled with emotion as they watched 1st Lt. Arthur McGrue administer the Confirmation of Reenlistment to his mother, Master Sergeant Azina Cooper, and his wife, Sgt. Ursula McGrue June 18.

"It was emotional for me to be reading the oath to my mother and my wife," said McGrue, an infantryman with the 82nd Airborne Division. "But at the time I had to concentrate hard to remember the words."

The unusual ceremony was held in the conference room of the 1st Brigade, 91st Division headquarters. It was here, in the old brown building on the hill, that McGrue first spent his drill weekends as an Army Reservist in 1987, and where his mother works today as the staff administrative assistant.

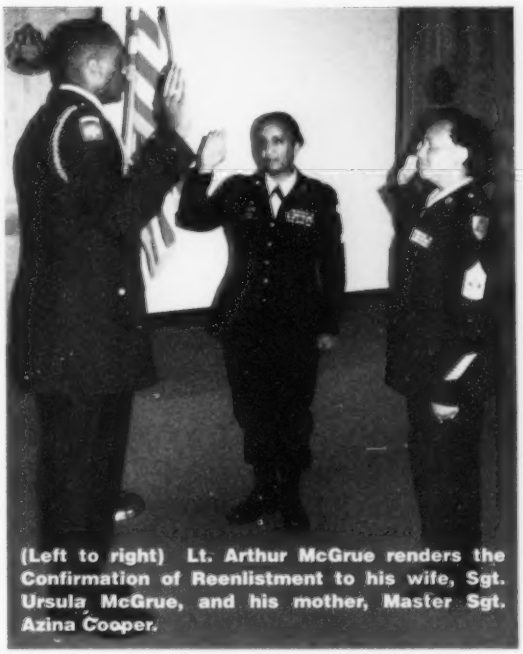
"I felt really proud to have my son reenlist me," said Cooper. "I'm thinking ... here I am, and my son, who was my little boy, is giving me my reenlistment oath. And standing next to me is my daughter-in-law."

As a citizen-soldier, Cooper is assigned to Headquarters, 91st Division, as the logistics chief. She has spent 17 of her 26 years in the military, as a reservist with the 91st Division.

The ceremony was bittersweet for Sgt. Ursula McGrue, whose father had passed away the day before on Father's Day.

McGrue, who is assigned to the 35th Signal Brigade and is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., with her husband, expressed her regret.

"I was thinking about my dad before the ceremony," she said. "I felt I wanted him to be here, and in a way he was. His spirit is here. This is special for me to be reenlisted by my husband with my mother-in-law."



(Left to right) Lt. Arthur McGrue renders the Confirmation of Reenlistment to his wife, Sgt. Ursula McGrue, and his mother, Master Sgt. Azina Cooper.

Timing was key in realizing the family's plans for reenlisting together. Cooper, whose 'expiration term of service' was drawing near, was able to extend service for three months to coordinate with her son's return from Kosovo. Upon his return June 11, the family flew to California for the ceremony.

(Ms. Schaack is with the Parks Reserve Forces Training Area (Camp Parks Army Base), Calif.)

Kudos

84th Division (IT) soldier named Reserve Component Drill Sergeant of the Year

Story and photo by Capt. Jacqueline Guthrie

MILWAUKEE.—He scored a touchdown, but he couldn't have done it without the team.

"It's a win for the whole division," says Sgt. 1st Class Wayne McPhillips, 84th Division (Institutional Training) and Training and Doctrine Command's Reserve component 2001 Drill Sergeant of the Year (DSOY).

McPhillips is an 84th Division drill sergeant, currently assigned to the Drill Sergeant School, 6th Brigade (Professional Development) headquartered in Milwaukee, Wis., and a former member of 2nd Battalion, 339th Regiment, 2nd Brigade (Basic Combat Training) in Madison, Wis. As a drill sergeant it is his job to train young civilians to be Army soldiers.

It was McPhillips' dedication and competence that got him recognized as an outstanding drill sergeant at battalion, brigade and division level before competing against the Army's top 21 noncommissioned officers for the DSOY title. The three-day competition included completing a physical training test, teaching common soldier tasks and appearing before a board of sergeants major.

"It's kind of like a wedding," McPhillips said. "Six months of preparations for three hours of performance." For McPhillips it was six months of intense preparation that he couldn't have done without the help of several people including Sergeants. 1st Class Debra Thorn and Blaine Huston and 1st Sgt. Robert Priest.

"They pumped me and they prepped me and prepped me and prepped me," McPhillips said. "I don't think the evaluators could have caught me off guard."

Sgt. 1st Class Huston, also a member of 2nd Battalion, 339th Regiment, 2nd Brigade, is the 84th Division's 2002 DSOY and one of McPhillips' battle buddies. The two spent hours, days and weeks preparing for the competition. According to McPhillips, they would spend 15 to 16 hours a day just asking each other questions. The pair trained with 1st Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, Fort Benning, Ga., and at Leonard Wood's drill sergeant school. Huston also accompanied McPhillips to the TRADOC competition to provide encouragement and to see what's in store for him when he competes for the national title next year.

The 2001 Army Drill Sergeants of the Year are Sgt. 1st Class Wayne McPhillips, representing the Army Reserve and Sgt. 1st Class Debra Thorn representing the Active Component.

McPhillips met Thorn in May when he and Huston traveled to Leonard Wood to prepare for the competition. Thorn is also Fort Leonard Wood's DSOY and she and staff members at the drill sergeant school helped McPhillips get ready for the competition.

Thorn and McPhillips bonded and used email to continue training together. Their families have also become friends.

"It was frosting on the cake to know we both won," he said.

"1st Sgt. Priest played a key role in this," McPhillips added. Priest is the 1999 Reserve Component DSOY as well as a friend and

mentor of McPhillips. Priest is also the first sergeant of Company A, 2nd Battalion, 330th Infantry Regiment, 1st Training Brigade (One Station Unit Training), 84th Division, headquartered in Michigan.

As DSOY McPhillips will perform special assignments for the TRADOC commanding general, visit initial entry training units to observe training and make recommendations, speak at special civilian and military functions and assist in coordinating next year's DSOY competition. Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki will present the Ralph E. Haines Jr. Outstanding Drill Sergeant of the Year Award to McPhillips in a Pentagon ceremony later this year.

"I'm in position now that I represent the Reserve component…showing the active component what we have and what we can offer them," he said about his new title. "I do not think I am the best drill sergeant in the Reserve component, I am merely a representation of them.

"To think otherwise would not only be arrogant, it would be detrimental as a leader. I wish to represent two groups of drill sergeants in the same way. I want to show the Reserve component as a whole that the 84th Division has some of the best drill sergeants in the Army Reserve. I also want to show the Army as a whole that the Reserve component has something to offer to the total Army concept.

"We are ready, competent, and able to complete the mission. All I want to be is an example of those drill sergeants who are willing, ready and able," McPhillips said.

(The 84th Division (IT), is headquartered in Milwaukee and has subordinate units and soldiers throughout the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, Iowa, and Indiana. As an institutional training division, the 84th currently performs a variety of missions in support of the Army school system, also known as TASS. For more information about the 84th, visit www.84thdivision.com. Capt. Guthrie is the 84th Division Asst. Public Affairs Officer, Milwaukee, Wisc.)

Army Reserve Drill Sergeants take top honors

By Lt. Col. Richard Sherlock

Two Army Reserve Drill Sergeants received top honors for their performance recently during separate missions at two of the Army's premiere training centers.

Sgt. 1st Class Milton Hagans, an 80th Division (IT) Drill Sergeant from Lynchburg Va., was honored as the 2nd Battalion 13th Regiment's "Drill Sergeant of the Cycle" for his performance at Fort Jackson, South Carolina. Hagans deployed to Fort Jackson as part of the 2nd Battalion 317th Regiment's Training Base Expansion mission and performed as a Drill Sergeant and Platoon Sergeant for 17 days during weeks 3 and 4 of an Initial Entry Training cycle. His primary responsibilities included serving as the Platoon Sergeant and Senior Drill Sergeant for a Basic Training Company with over 250 male and female soldiers-in-training from the Active Army, the US Army Reserve, and the National Guard.

According to Command Sgt. Maj. Harold Franklin, the 2/317 Battalion command sergeant major, Hagans represents what is great about Army Reservist.

"Soldiers like Sgt. 1st Class Hagans represent the quality and professionalism of all Army Reserve soldiers. They reflect on our battalion's ability to deploy, perform our mission, and receive [praise] from the supported Regular Army chain-of-command," Franklin said.

Franklin also noted that the active component leaders said because of the performance of soldiers like Hagans it was "completely invisible to them" that Echo Company had Army Reserve leadership and soldiers.

"It's because of his ability to hit the same standards as an Active Army Drill Sergeant, deploy to Fort Jackson for two weeks of annual training (AT), perform his mission, and walk away with this honor, Franklin emphasized.

Hagans, a high-school football, track, and basketball coach is also an NCAA Division I Football Referee. He has officiated throughout the United States and in prestigious bowl games like the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas (December, 1998) and the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, California (January 2000).

Another honoree

Staff Sgt. Bradley Cornelius, a 98th Division (IT) Drill Sergeant Leader from Wellsville, NY, also received recognition when he was selected as the Maneuver Support Center (MANSCEN) "Drill Sergeant Leader of the Cycle."

He was recognized because of his performance during his AT mission at Fort Leonard Wood. The owner of a small construction company, Cornelius volunteered to leave his company during some of the busiest months (July – September) to support the MANSCEN Drill Sergeant School for a 9-week cycle.

He was one of the two primary Drill Sergeant Leaders (DSLs) to mentor a squad of Drill Sergeant Candidates. During a mid-cycle after-action-review, nearly all of the 120 Drill Sergeant Candidates in the class identified Cornelius as one of the most professional and motivational DSLs.

The MANSCEN Drill Sergeant School underwent an accreditation visit from the Drill Sergeant Program Proponent (DSPP) during the cycle Cornelius was assigned ,and he was one of the DSLs mentioned by-name on the accreditation report, as an exceptional instructor.

Both Cornelius and Hagans received plaques commending their efforts. Cornelius also received an Army

Commendation Medal from the MANSCEN NCO Academy Commandant and engraved coins from the Installation Commander and Command Sergeant Major for his involvement and impact on the accreditation of the Fort Leonard Wood Drill Sergeant School.

Both soldiers were selected from among their active and reserve component peers and received recognition and commendations for their demonstrated ability to not just meet but exceed the Army's standards, while maintaining highly successful civilian careers.

Army Reserve marksmen win big

Col. Michael Pollock

If anyone ever asks how the Army Reserve measures up against the active component, he only needs to look as far as the shooting sports. Reserve shooters proved to be full equal members of the Total Army by dominating many aspects of their sport in 2000, bringing visibility and prestige to the Army Reserve in the process.

The Army Reserve Combat Team did well in both national and international competition. Staff Sgt. Sean Hartswick finished second overall at the Armed Forces Skill at Arms Match. At the Interservice Skills at Arms Competition, the team of Capt. Chris Hensen, Master Sgt. Curtis Demuth, Sgt. 1st Class Hubert Townsend, Sgt. T.J. Conners, with team captain Maj. Pat Sperlongano and coach Sgt. 1st Class Len Lorentzen, won second overall. At the Canadian Forces Small Arms Championships in Ottawa, Maj. Harry Russell took every first place award given in pistol competition and the pistol team took second overall.

The 2000 Army Reserve Combat Team did well in both national and international competition. Members of the team were (l to r) Front row: Sgt. 1st Class Garner, Staff Sgt. Sean Hartswick, Sgt. T.J. Conners, Maj. Loring, Master Sgt. Valasek. Back Row: Master Sgt. Bearnson, Sgt. Maloney, Master Sgt. DeMuth, Sgt. Goodrich, Maj. Russell, Capt. Chris Hensen, Sgt. Major Gargac, 1st Sgt. Slee, Sgt. 1st Class Brown, Maj. Spencer. Top: Maj. Pat Sperlongano, Team Captain, Master Sgt. Joe Carlos, Team NCOIC.

Service Rifle Team members did well on both an individual as well as a team basis. Staff Sgt. Mike LaRuffa won the Pennsylvania Service Rifle Championship, and Master Sgt. Robert Payne was the State Champion in North Carolina. At the Interservice Matches, the national championships for military shooters, the Army Reserve team took third in the Commanding General, MCCDC Team Match. In individual competition, top honors went to Master Sgt. Doug Morrison, who outshot all other competitors including the active-duty Army, Navy, Marine, and Air Force shooters, to win the overall Interservice Individual Rifle Championship, a feat rarely accomplished by a reserve competitor.

At the National Matches at Camp Perry, Ohio, Morrison was the match winner in the Members Trophy Match, and took third place in the Army Cup Match. Sgt. 1st Class Warren Clark was the High Army Reserve Shooter in the National Service Rifle Championship. The Army Reserve's Kesler team took 10th place overall in the RNDC Trophy Team Match and second in the High Master category in the Enlisted Man's Team Trophy Match. Team members were Master Sgt. Morrison, Maj. Jay Williams, Staff Sgt. Dwight Barth, and Sgt. 1st Class Jack Pardy. Team Captain was Master Sgt. Peter Del Ponte and the coach was Master Sgt. John Kesler.

The two most prestigious team matches at Camp Perry are the National Trophy Infantry Team Match and the National Rifle Team Match. These are the Super Bowl of service rifle shooting and almost always go to a military team, and usually an active-duty team. In the IT match, the team of Clark, Pardy, LaRuffa, Morrison, Sgt. 1st Class Leonard Lorentzen, and Sgt. 1st Class Scott Anzivino, coached by Kesler and captained by Sgt. Major Neal Dickey, finished in fourth place. In the National Trophy

Team Match, Army Reserve Kesler, this time consisting of Morrison, Pardy, Barth, Williams, LaRuffa, and Sgt. 1st Class Doug Withus, battled to a third-place finish, just six points behind the first-place team.

Not to be outdone, the Pistol Team dominated their competitors. At the Interservice Matches the Army Reserve Black Team of Sgt. James Henderson, Master Sgt. Steven Reiter, Master Sgt. Robert McIlhaney, and Spc. Fritz Ficke, won the .22 Caliber, .45 Caliber, Service Pistol, and Team Aggregate Championships and took third in Center Fire Team Competition. The Army Reserve Red Team of Sgt. James Radford, Sgt. 1st Class Robert Kolesar, Sgt. 1st Class Lloyd Stevens, and Sgt. 1st Class David Jones was second in the .22 Team Championship.

In the individual competitions, the Army Reserve shooters won almost every award given. Sgt. 1st Class Melvin Makin, Sgt. 1st Class Frank Goza, Master Sgt. Lowell Merrill, and Maj. Jay Williams joined the members of the Black and Red teams to win twelve of the fifteen awards given in .22 Caliber matches, ten each in center fire and .45 caliber, and seven in service pistol. Henderson won the overall .22 caliber Championship. MSG Reiter won the Warm-up Match, the overall Center Fire, .45 Caliber, and Service Pistol Championships, and was the Grand Aggregate Individual Pistol Champion, giving the Army Reserve the top individual honors in both rifle and pistol at the 2000 Interservice matches. At the National Pistol Championships at Camp Perry, Army Reserve Black won the .45 Caliber Team Championship. MSG Reiter won the President's Match, and, for the fifth time since 1991, won the overall National Pistol Championship.

To put it in perspective, winning at this level of competition is the equivalent of winning an NCAA Championship. Like all Reservists, these shooters hold down a civilian job in their everyday lives and must work overtime to sharpen their shooting skills as well as their Army Reserve skills.

DLA Reservist of the Year named

Master Sgt. Peter Calnan receives a plaque from Lt. Gen. Henry Glisson, director of Defense Logistics Agency.

By Stephen Abney

WIESBADEN, Germany—Master Sergeant Peter F. Calnan has much to be proud of. He recently was announced as the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) award as Reservist of the Year for 2000.

The DLA Director, Army Lt.Gen. Henry Glisson, presented the award during his visit to DLA Europe.

Glisson said, "I have the greatest admiration for Reservists. I don't know how they do it. It's hard enough to be successful in one job, but somehow they manage to be successful in their civilian career and as a Reservist and balance that with family life. We in DLA couldn't succeed without them. They deserve our thanks and admiration."

An Army Reservist, Calnan is completing a six-month tour with the DLA Contingency Support Team in Kosovo. The team supports American forces in Kosovo and Macedonia by assisting them with DLA issues. This is Calnan's third tour of duty in the Balkans.

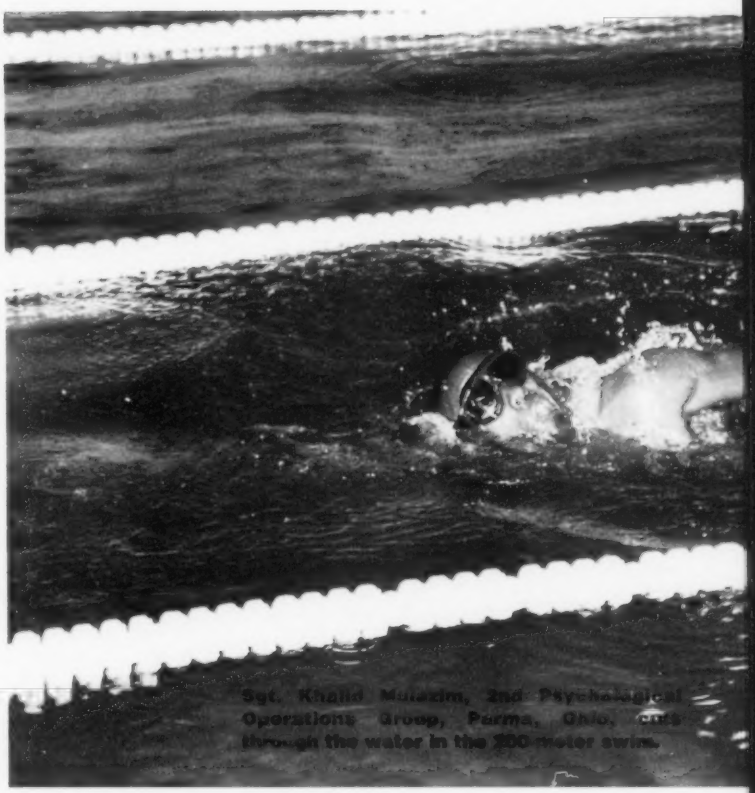
DLA provides warfighters with food, fuel, medical supplies, spare parts, construction materiel and logistical services. The team, and a similar one in Bosnia, can reach back to experts at DLA Europe in Wiesbaden or to DLA organizations in the U.S. to resolve customer issues.

A 33-year veteran, Calnan served in a series of assignments in the New England states from 1978-1994 and then had a two-year stint at Ft. Polk, Louisiana. He has served as a supply non-commissioned officer (NCO), an administrative NCO and an Army Reserve recruiter. Since 1996, Calnan has been part of DLA's joint service team of Reservists.

Calnan's hometown is Methuen, Massachusetts, where he is a process technician with Genetics Institute.

88th RSC soldiers go for the "G

Story and photos by Master Sgt. Dave Johnson



Sgt. Khalid Mulazim, 2nd Psychological Operations Group, Parma, Ohio, dives through the water in the 200-meter swim.

CAMP DODGE, Iowa—A cold rain fell on the servicemembers as they stood at the starting line, preparing mentally for the first event of the test. Soon, all 66 of the participants would find out how prepared they were.

The servicemembers, including many from the 88th Regional Support Command (RSC), traveled to Camp Dodge, Iowa, this May to compete in the German Armed Forces Efficiency Test, hosted by 3rd Corps Support Command (COSCOM), Des Moines, Iowa.

More punishing than the Army Physical Fitness Test, the contest, known as GAFET is regarded as one of the world's most challenging military contests, GAFET was created by the Bundeswehr (German Army) on February 13, 1971.

"We have mostly Army Reserve soldiers this year," said Sgt. 1st Class Jason Zdunich, training NCO for 3rd COSCOM. "But we really like seeing as many servicemembers as possible get to participate. We have one Navy seaman this year, the rest Army, Army Reserve and Army National Guard."

"To earn the GAFET medal is such a challenge, more servicemembers should get involved," said Zdunich.

"This is a difficult test," said Capt. Martin Schulz, 2nd Psychological Operations Company from Parma, Ohio, as he acknowledged the steady rain. "This feels like a typical Bavarian spring day – cold and rainy."

"We're here and we're ready. I brought five of our finest soldiers with me, and we all intend to earn a gold medal," said Schulz.

GAFET is much more. It is a three-phased event that combines marksmanship, first aid and physical fitness.

The physical fitness portion is grueling. During one morning, all soldiers must pass a 200-meter swim; either a long or high jump; a bench press event where the soldier must lift 40 percent of his or her body weight 16 times or a shot put throw; a sprint of 100 or 200 meters; and a distance run of 5,000 meters.

It is difficult to master all events in GAFET in such a short time. German soldiers have a year to complete and demonstrate proficiency in all GAFET events.

For American soldiers who want to wear the GAFET medal on their dress uniforms, all events must be passed over an intense three-day training weekend.

German Sgt. Major Alexander Hammer oversees the event. He is stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., as a chemical corps liaison.

"The difficulty," said Hammer, "is that American soldiers have only three days to pass the GAFET. That's why I am so impressed with the soldiers here — especially the Reserve soldiers. You stay prepared on limited training time."

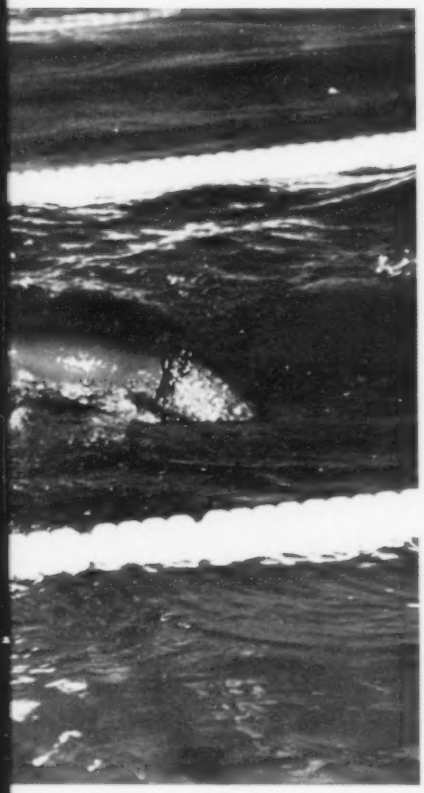
The GAFET is broken down by age and gender, and participants can qualify for either a bronze, silver or gold medal. Soldiers must pass all events to qualify for a medal.

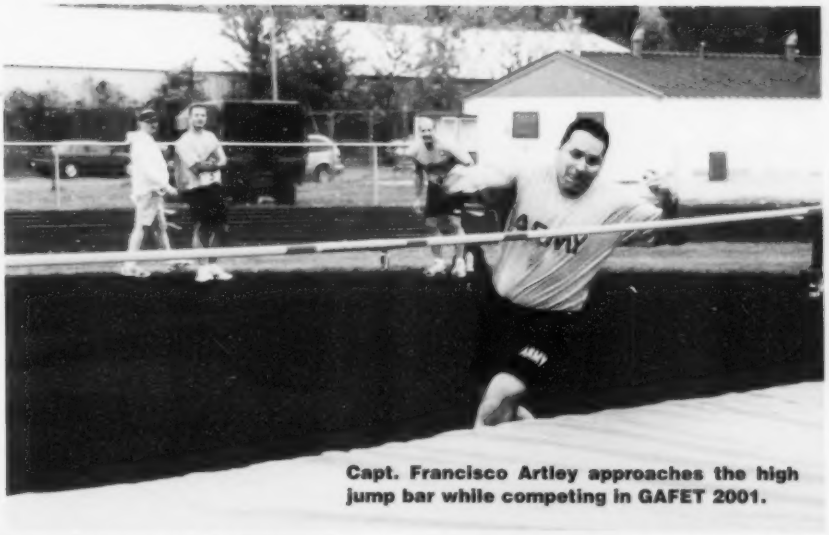
"I train for marathons with my buddy, Master Sgt. Henderson, who is also a member of the 88th Regional Support Command (RSC)," said Capt. Fransisco Artely, a finance officer in the Soldier Support Center at the 88th , located at Fort Snelling, Minn.

"Preparing for GAFET gets me ready for them," added Schulz. "The difficult thing is the events we haven't done since high school, like the high jump. The marksmanship test is a challenge because we have to shoot at different targets."

"Marksmanship is different here," said Hammer. "In

AFET" gold





Capt. Francisco Artley approaches the high jump bar while competing in GAFET 2001.

Out in front, Staff Sgt. Michael A. Campbell sets the pace during the 5,000 meter race portion of the competition.

Germany, we train to shoot different silhouettes. In the States, you train on one target for pistol marksmanship. I don't see the point in killing the same target five times. That's why we shoot at different targets for our test," added Hammer.

In one aspect, GAFET is to a soldier what the Iron Man competition is to a triathlon athlete. It encompasses strength and endurance. Events run concurrently. While one group of soldiers is swimming, the others are running track and field. As soon as soldiers complete one area, they must go to the other with little time to rest.

After two days of swimming, track and field, weight lifting, marksmanship and first aid testing, GAFET concludes with a long road march. All soldiers must carry a 22-pound rucksack during their 15-20 kilometer timed trek.

"It's all worth it at the end. I want to wear the medal," said Staff Sgt. Michael Campbell, the training noncommissioned officer for the 376th Engineer Detachment Firefighters, in Granite City. Ill. "We must maintain a high level of physical fitness to be a firefighter. Preparing for GAFET gives me the well-rounded physical challenge I enjoy. You have to pass so many different events just to qualify."

After the last of the 66 soldiers completed the road march, fatigue, blisters and sore muscles were forgotten.

All the GAFET participants awaited the awards ceremony to find out who the medal winners were.

Fifty-six of the 66 servicemembers earned medals, including 38 gold.

"I am astounded, " said Hammer. "It's amazing how well the soldiers did on this difficult test, and American soldiers did it in only a few days."

"Wunderbar" was overheard being shouted by many of the American soldiers, many of whom have been stationed in Germany during their military careers and retained a few German words in their vocabulary.

"I missed a gold medal by one event," said Campbell, who proudly displayed his silver medal. "I'll be back next year for the gold."

(Master Sgt. Johnson is with the 367th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Whitehall, Ohio)

Snapshots

JAG Award

Maj. Gen. Walter Huffman presents the Judge Advocates Association Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney Award to Army Reserve Judge Advocate General, Lt. Col. Gill Beck, Staff Judge Advocate, 108th Division (IT). Beck's wife Mary Jo is pictured beside him.

Hall of Fame Inductee

Lt. Gen. Ackerman, U.S. Army Inspector General, presents Col. David Raney the Army Infantry Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame certificate after he was inducted into its Hall of Fame during a cermony at Fort Benning, Ga. Raney was recognized for his career-long commitment to individual and team success. Raney currently serves in the Joint Reserve Unit Public Affairs Directorate at United States Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) headquarters in Norfolk, Va.

Song Bird

Army Reserve 2nd Lt. Barbara Leonard performed before her largest audience ever when she sang the Star Spangled Banner July 23 to open the Baltimore Orioles game. This was her first time performing it at a sporting event and may not be her last. She's received offers from the New York Yankees, Atlanta Braves, Indianapolis Colts, Tennessee Titans, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and Bristol Motor Speedway. She is assigned to the 99th Regional Support Command, Oakdale, Penn.

Transportation Corps Award

For the second year in a row the Army Reserve made a clean sweep of the Department of the Army Transportation Corps Reserve Component Regimental Awards. Lt. Gen. Thomas Plewes poses with the award recipients prior to the ceremony held at the U.S. Army Reserve Command Headquarters at Fort McPherson, Ga. Shown (l-r) Plewes, Officer of the Year, 1st Lt. Thomas Sullivan, his wife, Debbie; Warrant Officer of the Year, Chief Warrant Officer Clare Walters, her husband, Thomas; Non-commissioned Officer awardee, Sgt. 1st Class Norbert Freidhof, his wife, Roxanne; and Transportation Corps Reserve Component Regimental Civilian of the Year, Sheila Thompson-Douglas.

Keith L. Ware Winner

Pam Proper, an Army Reserve master sergeant was selected the Civilian Broadcast Journalist of the Year 2000. She is the chief of broadcast operations at American Forces Network, SHAPE, Belgium. A co-worker, Sergeant Douglas Boyles snagged the Military Broadcast Journalist award.

"Going For The Gold"

Denise Morrison, an Army Reserve major, competes in the second of two selection matches that decided the 2000 U.S. Olympic Team. Assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Engineer, 81st Regional Support Command, Birmingham, Ala., she has been chasing her dream of competing in the Olympics in her sport of trap shooting since she was nine years old. During this competition, the 39-year-old stood one "bird," (clay pigeon) away from the leader after the first of two selection matches held that year to decide the U.S. 2000 Olympic Shooting Team. Morrison finished fifth but has not given up. She will remain a contender for future Olympics, as she continues to aim for greater heights in her quest to be an Olympic trap shooter.

Frosty Run Winners

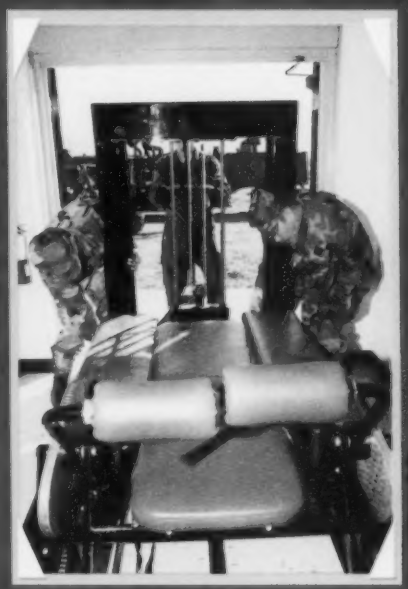
Members of the North Central Army Reserve Intelligence Support Center (NCARISC) at Fort Sheridan pose with the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Traveling Team Trophy, an honor they snagged during January's "Frosty Indoor Run" at Great Lakes Naval Training Center. This is the first time that this trophy has been won by an Army team in 10 years. Pictured are the top five finishers from left, Lt. Col. Douglas Schnelle, Commander; Sgt. 1st Class William Manchester, (he also won an individual award to 2nd place in his age group); Chief Warrant Officer 4 Donald Marquis, (won an individual award for 2nd place for his age group); Sgt. 1st Class Donald Wilson, (won an individual award for 1st place in age group); and Capt. Chris Bains (won an individual award for 1st place his age group).

Snapshots

Ironman Competition

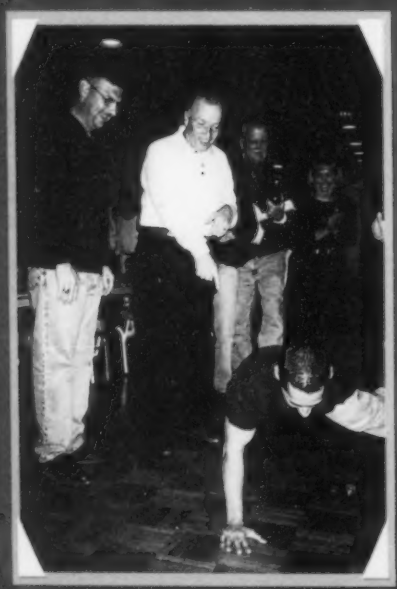
(left) Army Reservist, Staff Sgt. Ernest Paul from the 7th Army Reserve Command, congratulates Sgt. 1st Class Barry Henry from U.S. Army Europe's V Corps Artillery. Paul won the over-30 category of the two-mile run competition. Henry was the overall over-30 category Ironman winner. (above) 7th ARCOM's 1st Sgt. Clinton Gilmore toughs out one more pushup during the competition. He completed 80 pushups in two minutes. The Ironman Competition was held at Tompkins Barracks, Schwetzingen, Germany.

Powerlifting



Sgt. Christopher L. Parker, Spc. Bradley M. Boyle, and Master Sgt. Joseph Cabiness move a weightlifting machine into the Kenton, Ohio, YMCA. Soldiers from the 706th Transportation Company, Detachment One, helped out the Kenton, Ohio, community using their trucks and equipment during drill to take 15 Nautilus weightlifting machines from the city of Sidney's YMCA to Kenton's, a convoy of about 65 miles. The 706th is headquartered in Mansfield, Ohio.

Strong Arm



Sergeant Major of the Army Jack Tilley (center, pointing) admires the style of Sgt. Armstrong Reyes of the Army Reserve's 311th Quartermaster Company (Mortuary Affairs) as he does one-arm pushups at the Fort Myer Community Center. Command Sergeant Major of the Army Reserve Alex Ray Lackey is on the left. The two senior NCOs stopped by the community center to visit with the citizen-soldiers from Puerto Rico as they took a break from their grim mission of recovering remains from the September 11 Pentagon attack. The company deployed from Puerto Rico on September 15 and began operations at the Pentagon on the 17th. The National Capital Region Puerto Rican community treated the soldiers to a home-cooked meal on the 28th at the community center.

Senator's Visit

Senator Bob Smith (R-N.H.) visited the men and women of the Londonderry (N.H.) Armed Forces Reserve Center on September 17 to show his support for the Reserve Components. The senator is in the center in the dark blue jacket. The reservists and civilian workers pictured represent the following Army Reserve, Marine Corps and Naval Reserve units: Company B, 1st Battalion, 25th Marines; the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Center (NAVMARCORESCEN) Manchester; the 167th Corps Support Group, 94th Regional Support Command: the 368th Engineer Battalion, also 94th RSC; and the 1st Battalion, 304th Regiment, 98th Division (Institutional Training).

Familiarization Tour

Sergeant David Lomax, an Army Reservist with the 300th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment (MPAD) located at Fort McPherson, Ga., performs a digital camera demonstration for Romanian visitors Maj. Dumitru-Liviu Flutur (left), Maj. Merisor Ceranu (center), and Adina Constantin. The 300th MPAD, a along with two other subordinate units of the 81st Regional Support Command (RSC) Public Affairs Office (PAO), worked with the RSC PAO to host a delegation of three Romanian public affairs officials who took part in a tour recentlyto help familiarize them with the duties and responsibilities of a U.S. public affairs office and its operations.

Journalists At Work

(above) Sgt. Stephen Crounse, a broadcast journalist with the 214th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment films a makeshift memorial made from mementos placed by family members of victims killed during the Sept. 11 terrorist attack on the Pentagon. The 214th MPAD is an Army Reserve unit headquartered in Richmond, Va., with a subordinate detachment based on Fort Belvoir, Va. The Fort Belvoir team volunteered for a two-week mobilization in support of Pentagon recovery efforts. (above) Staff Sgt. Michele Hammonds, a journalist with the 214th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment speaks with one of her subjects during a photo shoot outside the Pentagon building.

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Because villagers have limited access to routine veterinary care, the team performed some minor operations.

A four-month-old husky had a rusty fishhook through his upper lip. In the biting cold, the procedure becomes more difficult.

Restricted by gloves, Maj. Terry Gosch, commander of the Alaska District Veterinary Command, worked the fishhook while Army Reserve 1st Lt. Robert Stafford held the courageous, but nervous, dog in place. Gosch worked the hook back and forth to loosen the piercing. The dog quietly cried.

"It's been a unique experience for me," said Stafford, here on annual training from the 994th Medical Detachment, Austin, Texas. "The coldness is difficult and the wind chill only adds to it."

The team later worked on Joe Prince's 14 sled dogs. "There are a lot of rabid foxes around here. I could lose my dog team," said Prince as the team examined Blue Eyes. Gosch and Stafford examined the canine amid the low, snow-covered brush that provides little relief from the elements.

"She sprained it She's going to have sore muscles and sore joints," shouted Stafford over the roar of the wind. The team assured Prince these were normal symptoms. The dog would recover with time and rest. Later Gosch had to provide some medical care to himself when a needle-fearing dog bloodied his hand in an effort to scratch his way out of the vaccination.

"Most all of them are friendly. Once and a while we get into some who aren't and we have to kinda tackle them," said Gosch, "but this was a little dog, he just gave me a couple scratches."

Gosch, Stafford, and Army Reserve Staff Sgt. Michael Sheppard, also of the 994th, cared for and vaccinated 142 Kotlick dogs before moving on.

Overall, Arctic Care's veterinary teams visited 35 villages. Besides preventing the spread of rabies and keeping a vital part of rural Alaskan life stable, the Arctic Care mission gives military veterinarians the chance to tackle a primary mission in a tough environment with limited time.

"Things have been going really pretty good," said Gosch. "Yesterday we did about 65 dogs, the wind was blowing 40 knots, the temperature was minus 10."

The team will move out of villages after the vaccinations are complete but will return next year to continue the fight against dangerous canine diseases.

But before they move on the citizens of Kotlik say one word frequently to Arctic Care's soldiers: "Quoyana," thank you in Yupik.

(Spc. Grayson is with the Army National Guard's 20th Public Affairs Detachment, Fort Richardson, Alaska.)

ATTACK - 311TH, from page 13

People around the Pentagon know what the 311th is doing and appreciate it.

"When we left the site the other day," Martinez said, "heading back to our barracks, people who saw us starting cheering and waving."

The Army Reserve also knows and appreciates what the citizen-soldiers of the 311th are doing.

"The 311th Quartermaster Company is a first-class outfit," the Chief of the Army Reserve said at a town hall meeting for the Office of the Chief, Army Reserve (OCAR) on October 2.

Plewes told the OCAR staffers that the unit did not go through a 30-day mobilization process. The first part of the 311th was called up and on site within two to three days of the attack, with the whole unit up here within 11 days.

"This unit mobilized here, not at home station," he said.

Photo by Master Sgt. Vicki Washington

Brig. Gen. Collis Phillips (2nd from right), commander 65th Regional Support Command, visits with members of the 311th Quartermaster Company. The are (from l-r) Sgt. Iris Acevedo, Sgt. Armstrong Reyes, Spc. Nancy Acevedo, Sgt. Lydia Valentin, and Sgt. 1st Class Nelson Delgado. All soldiers are part of the Mortuary Affairs team from Puerto Rico assigned the difficult task of recovering and identifying the remains of those killed in the attack on the Pentagon, Sept. 11.

"They're doing a very difficult job," Plewes said, describing the nature of the mission the Puerto Rican Reservists must accomplish. "They're doing it with professionalism, treating the remains with dignity."

"It's what you'd expect."

As tough as the job is at the Pentagon, the Army has the right soldiers doing it. They have confidence in themselves and in their unit. They know how important what they are doing is, to the Nation and to the families of those killed. They will keep at their mission until they finish it. And the mission will be done properly, just the way it should be done.

As the general said, it is what is expected of the Army Reserve.

(Lt. Col. Pullen is with the Public Affairs and Liaison Directorate, Office of the Chief, Army Reserve.)

Attack On America In Pictures from page 14

1. Smoke and flames rose over the Pentagon just before 10 a.m., Sept. 11, 2001 after a hijacked commercial airliner crashed into the side of the building. The Pentagon attack followed an attack on the twin towers of the New York World Trade Center in what is being called the worst terrorist attack in history. **(Photo by Gerry Gilmore)**

2. Part of the building collapsed while firefighters continued to battle flames and look for survivors. (**Photo by (Photographer's Mate 1st Class Dewitt Roseborough III))**

3. A rescue helicopter uses Washington Blvd. outside the Pentagon to evacuate injured personnel after the terrorist attack on Sept. 11, 2001. **(Photo by Sgt. Carmen Burgess)**

4. Medical personnel load wounded into an ambulance at the first medical triage area set up outside the Pentagon. **(Photo by Journalist 1st Class Mark Faram)**

5. Lt. Col. Douglas Thomson (front left), the executive officer and Assistant for Army Reserve Logistics, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Logistics, helps transport an injured Pentagon employee. Thomson is a member of the Active Guard and Reserve. **(Photo by Sgt. Carmen Burgess)**

6. Col. Gerard McEnerney (right) escorts Lt. Gen. Thomas Plewes (left), Chief, Army Reserve and Brig. Gen. Richard Colt (middle), Commander, 77th Regional Support Command, through "Ground Zero" in lower Manhattan, N.Y. **(Photo by Sgt. 1st Class Christina Steiner)**

7. The Honorable Anibal Acevedo-vila (right), Member of Congress representing the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, Brig. Gen. Collis Phillips (center), Commander, 65th Regional Support Command, and Ms. Eneidy Coreano, Administrative Assistant for the Congressman, receive a briefing at the site of the Pentagon attack. **(Photo by Master Sgt. Vicki Washington)**

8. Medical personnel and volunteers work the triage area. **(Photo by Journalist 1st Class Mark Faram)**

9. A worker at the crash site takes a break as he waits his turn to help recovery efforts at the Pentagon. **(Photo by Staff Sgt. Larry Simmons)**

10. At night, the portion of the Pentagon that was hit by a hijacked airplane on Sept. 11 is lit up by artificial light as round-the-clock recovery efforts continued. **(Photo by Staff Sgt. John Valceanu)**

11. Family members of victims who were killed in Pentagon during the attack comfort each other while looking at the building. Victims' families were allowed to visit the Pentagon Sept. 15 and look upon the area where they lost their relatives. **(Photo by Staff Sgt. John Valceanu)**

12. A makeshift memorial outside the damaged building. **(Photo by Staff Sgt. John Valceanu)**

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"I tried to walk up further inside, but because of the heat and smoke I backed out," said Rosati, who urged others to get down low to help them breathe as they left the building.

Again Rosati reentered the building, desperate to evacuate others that he knew were still inside the building. He grabbed the fire extinguisher from a Pentagon DPS sergeant. Against the wishes of a sergeant, Rosati went up to the 2nd floor, corridor five.

"My sergeant yelled at me that I couldn't go in and I tried to run down there," he said. "I got hit with that smoke and heat and I had to get out of there – I couldn't handle it."

Rosati said he felt helpless that he couldn't rescue anyone else from the Pentagon that now burned out of control on the mall side. Along with the rest of the DPS officers, he worked through the day and into the next day before going home to rest.

(Editor's Note: Arthur Rosati and Wanda Ramey spoke on behalf of Defense Protective Service Pentagon Police/Washington DC Lodge and the Fraternal Order of Police. Rosati is an Army Reservist and assigned to the 9th Theater Support Command, Fort Belvoir, Va. Staff Sgt. Hammonds is with the 214th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, also located at Fort Belvoir.)

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